

Records

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EARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

Mo	Prov. Mo.
No.	Men
100.46.3	Minutes
(m)	Women
100	11.5.1783 - 9.25.1800.
	YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND

Records of Providence Monthly
Meeting Commencing ~~at~~
The time the Meeting
was set off from Smith-
field Monthly Meet^g
Viz 11th month 1783.

— 11th —
To 25th of 9th Mo. 1800. — is 16 years 10 Months

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held
At Smithfield for Providence the 5th of the
11th mo. 1783 — This Meeting being convened the Rep-
resentatives Appointed by the Preparative Meeting Are
Amasa Gray & Jeremiah Wilkinson they being called are present
Thomas Arnold is Appointed Clerk to this mee-
ting for this time.

This Meeting Recd An Epistle from the
Last Quarterly Meeting which was read to Satisfaction,
also the Extracts of the said Quarterly Meetings Minutes,
By Virtue of which Smithfield lower preparative Meeting is
set off from Smithfield Monthly Meeting And consti-
tuted a seperate And Distinct Meeting by the Name
of Providence Monthly Meeting, which was there in Dis-
cussed to be held on this day for the first time And after-
wards on the fourth day before the Last fifth day
in Each Month, untill next Quarterly Meeting.

It also appears that a committee is appointed by
the Quarterly Meeting to attend this Meeting and
assist in the Division of all matters Necessary to
be divided between this and Smithfield and Uxbridge
Monthly Meetings, Where upon Joseph Farmers
Amasa Gray Jonathan Arnold are appointed to
meet with said committee of the Quarterly Meeting
and give them ^{the} Necessary information in the several
matters for which they were Appointed in respect
to this Meeting & Make Report when accomplished.

This Meeting Recd a certificate from South

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directed to Smithfield m^oly meetg. & by them refer to this
South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in behalf
of Joseph Congdon son of Joseph Congdon setting
forth that he is a Member of our Society And that he
had removed within the verge of that Meeting But Resid-
ing in that part Now within the verge of this Meeting the
same is hereby accepted.

Two of the Friends in case of the case of W^m Lath-
am having made Report to Smithfield Monthly Meeting
that they had an opportunity with him to a good degree
of Satisfaction the other Friends not having had an op-
portunity with him, and they all living without the Verge
of this Meeting. Jeremiah Harris, George Arnold,
Smith Brown are appointed to take the Necessary
care in that matter and make Report to next Month
Meeting.

The Lower Preparative Meeting of which
this Monthly Meetings is constitu^d having subscribed ye
sum of Eight pounds twelve Shillings & more pence, towards
the Yearly Meetings Stock Benjamin Smith is
desired to collect the same & forward it to the Yearly
Meetings Treasurer & Report when accomplished.

The Committee Appointed by Smithfield Mo^{nth}
Meeting to consider of the place of holding Sittuate
Meetings having Yesterday Reported that the persons in
whose houses those Meetings have been held are still
willing that they be held there it Is therefore concluded
by this Meeting that both first day and week
day

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11th mo. Day Meeting at Scituate be held at the times and places they have been held at the year past untill further Order of this Meeting, the times and places being as follows, our first days at Caleb Battys House: on the first fourth day after Monthly Meeting & when there are three fifth days before the preparative Meeting, On the third fourth day also the week day Meeting is held at the Widow Aldriches. on the Second fourth day at Ezra Potters — Three of the Comtee to visit Scituate & Wankheagues Meetings Made Report that they have paid Attention to that Matter with some others of that Comtee & that they think a Comtee still to visit them ^{will} be usefull which being Referred to this Meeting by Smithfield Monthly Meeting as the proper business hereof Thomas Lapham, Smith Brown, James Wilkinson Benjamin Smith Jonathan Arnold & Joseph Randal are appointed to visit them Meetings as occasion requires & Endeavour that they be kept up in the Authority of Smith & report to this meeting from time to time as they think proper. they are also to Consider of the situation of Friends Meeting House Lot at Scituate and Report what they think best to be done with the same to our next meeting if ready, if not, to the Meeting next after

A Testimony of Denial against Philip Stratton from Nine partner Monthly Meeting directed to Smithfield Monthly Meeting and by that referred to this, was read in this Meeting; The Consideration and Disposal whereof is referred to Next Monthly Meeting in the mean time George Arnold is desired to inform him of his Denial. The preparative Meeting Informing that the Select meeting had proposed

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18th M^o proposed Moses Brown for the place of an Elder
 with the concurrence of the Women Friends having
 brought the matter up as business Caleb Green Rufus
 & Benjamin Smith
 Smith & Co. appointed to take a solid opportunity
 with him upon the subject & report their sense ^{thereof} to our
 next Meeting. The preparative Meeting also informing that
 Joseph Congdon requests a certificate for his son Caleb
 who is leaving a ^{trade} within Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Th^o
 Arnold is appointed to prepare a certificate and bring
 to next Monthly Meeting.

Ezra Arnold & Levi Arnold are appointed to get the Ne-
 cessary Repairs done to the windows of this Meeting House
 and lay the Expence before this Meeting when done.

It is concluded that the preparative Meeting be held
 the fourth Day before the Monthly Meeting until
 next Quarter. the Women informing that Lydia Wilk-
 inson is proposed for the place of an Elder whereupon
 the Friends before named in the case of a Moses Brown are
 appointed to join such as may be appointed by the Women to
 take a solid opportunity with her & Report to next Moth
 Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of
 Friends held at Smithfield for Providence 26th

11th M^o 1783. The Meeting being convened the Repre-
 sentatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are
 Thomas Lantham Samuel Hills who are both
 present.

The Comtee appointed to have care of the
 Case of William Lantham Report that they have
 had an Opportunity with him to pretty good Satisfac-
 tion & that they discover nothing but that it

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Wth M^o

It may best that his Acknowledgment be accepted and he continued a Member Among Friends, which Report is accepted & he continued Accordingly.

This Meeting rec^d. A Report, In writing from the Monthly Meetings Committee with the Approbation of the Quarterly Meetings Comtee as follows

We of the several Comtees from Smithfield Uxbridge and Providence Moth Meet^{gs} have according to appointment met with the Quarterly Meetings Comtee respecting the division of matters between the Meet^{gs} & mutually agreed to the following Report, by the approbation of the Quar^{ly} Meet^{gs} Comtee V. B. there were none of the Womens Comtee from Uxbridge present.

1st Boundaries between Smithfield and Uxbridge Moth Meet^{gs} Beginning at Richard Steers Sawmill in the Southwesterly part of Gloucester, Extending a due west course, and the other way Easterly with the Road to Thomas Owens House, thence to Moses Coopers, thence to Isaac Hallens; thence to Emma Mills; thence to Benjamin Buffarms; thence to the fork of the Roads a few rods South Easterly of Josiah Shove; Thence with the Road to Serjants Mills; thence to Darius Daniels; thence to John Walkers house where his Son Walter now lives, thence a due north course; all the above mentioned Friends to belong to Uxbridge Monthly Meet^g.

2^d Between Smithfield & Providence Monthly Meetings Beginning at Richard Steers Sawmill, A Straight line to Joseph Bassetts house (he to belong to Providence Monthly Meet^g) thence to Elipha Mownings Son of Daniel; thence to the great Road ~~at~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ Southly

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11th mo.

Road that leads from Providence to Worcester striking said Road 20 Rod. Southw'ly of John Mans, thence to William Galleys, thence to John Bartlets in Cumberland, thence to Amos Arnolds (he to belong to Providence Meeting) — In regard to the Poor, that Smithfield & Providence Month^{ly} Meet^{gs} have Equally the Care of

Supporting Lawrence Southwick & family; Such of them as are members to belong to Smithfield Month^{ly} Meeting the others that have had assistance from friends; to be under ^{the} Care of the Meetings they belong to in regard to Support, as well as other ways —

4th In regard to the debts that all that were ~~due~~ due at the time of the first division of the Meetings, be paid Equally by all three of the new Month^{ly} Meetings,

3rd That one half of all the ^{Common} Stock belonging to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting; & the other half Equally between Smithfield & Providence Month^{ly} Meet^{gs} —

6th That Uxbridge Monthly Meeting be held on the sixth day after the last 3rd day in each month at Uxbridge, untill further direction from the Quarterly Meeting And that Providence Monthly Meetings be held on the 4th day before the last 3rd day in each month at Smithfield lower Meeting house; till Friends are Accommodated for holding it at Providence; & then to be held alternately there, & at Smithfield —

Smithfield 23rd of ye 11th mo.
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Signed on behalf of the several Com^{tees} by

{ W^m Buffum
Daniel Aldrich
Anna Geraud
Martha Comstock
Abigail Harris

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12th mo.
Which Report is Accepted by this Meeting -
George Arnold Reports that he has Informed Phil-
Stratton of his Denial According to appointment. And
John Holden is appointed to read the Testimony of his Denial
from the Nine partners Monthly Meeting at the Close
of a Publick Meeting at Providence & report to next
Monthly Meeting - The Remainder of the Business which
is before this Meeting is refer'd to next monthly Meeting -

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Smithfield for Providence the 24th of the 12th mo.
1783 - The Meeting being convened The Representatives are
appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Nathaniel
Walker & Ezra Arnold who being called are present -
There being no standing ^{Clerk} appointed to this Meeting
Thomas Lapham is appointed Clerk for the day -
The Committee to consider what is best to be done with

Respecting Situate Meeting House Lot Report that
they think it may be best, to rent the Lot if friends should
not conclude to Build a house thereon at present -
The report is accepted and the same Committee is appointed to
Rent the same ^{& report} when accomplished -

The Committee appointed in the case of Moses Brown and
Lydia Dickinson Report that they with a Committee of women
friends have had an opportunity with them according to
appointment to their Satisfaction and think it safe if
they be appointed to the Place of Elders - which is accepted
and they appointed accordingly and the same is directed to
be inserted in the Account to the Quarterly Meeting
A Certificate for Caleb Congdon son of Joseph

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12th mo Joseph. Recommending him to the care of Dartmouth Moly
Meeting where he now resides in order to learn a trade - was
read approved of and signed by the clerk, and Delivered to Jo^{seph}
Congdon in order to be forwarded -

The Matters from the Preparative Meeting in
the 11th mo. Respecting the appointment of Visitors.
Overseers & Overseers of the poor - also Friends to have
the care of Meeting Houses, Lots & burying grounds. Is
referred to the consideration and Disposition of next Monthly
Meeting - John Holden Reports that he read the Testimony of
Phillip Strattons Denial according to appointment -

This Meeting being Informed that Joseph Shove and
Benjamin Carll, desires to have a few lines to Swanzy
Monthly Meeting from whence they came our friend
Caleb Greene & Smith Brown are appointed to make
the necessary Enquiry and if nothing appears to hinder
to prepare certificates & bring to next Mon^{thly} Meet^g

The Queries, & Answers from the Preparative Meet^g
were read and after some Alterations the answers were
approved of and directed to be sent with an account to the
Quarterly Meeting which being Prepared and approved of
was signed by the clerk. The Representatives there^e
mentioned are Amasa Gray Joseph Randall & Augustus
Lapham - who are directed to report to our next Moly
Meeting their Attention to the appointment -

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smith field for Providence the 28th day of
the 1st mo 1784 -
The Meeting being convened the Representatives

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1st M^o
J. m. m.

Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meeting
are Thomas Lasham & Joseph Basset - Who being called
are both present -

Thomas Arnold is appointed Clerk for this time -
And Thomas Lasham Daniel Anthony Elipha Steere
Amasa Gray Reuben Blancher Ozial Milkinson are
appointed to consider of a person suitable to be appointed
Clerk to this Meeting, & to confer with him on the subject
& propose his name to the next Monthly Meeting -
& also to procure a set of Books for this Meeting -

The Epistle from the Quarterly Meetg. was read
in this Meetg. to good satisfaction -

Our Friends Augustus Lasham Amasa Gray
Joseph Farnum - Moses Brown -

Are appointed to Meet the Com^{tees} of Smithfield and
Uxbridge - Monthly Meetings & settle the Monthly Meetg.
Accounts And ascertain what Sum remains to be
paid by Each Meetg. to Discharge the Debts which were contra-
cted before the Meeting Division of the Monthly Meeting

Also to ascertain the best manner of Supporting the
poor which are to be supported by this and Smithfield

Monthly Meeting jointly to correct the Committees ^{Report} Respecting
the dividing line as directed ^{by the Quarterly meeting} Also to Divide Rachel Thayers Dona-
tion, the Monthly Meetings Library And such other matters
if any, as appear to them necessary to be settled & Divided.
and report to next Monthly Meeting - They are
also Appointed Auditors for this Meeting -

Certificates in behalf of Phoebe Farnum from Uxbridge
& Priscilla Cornall from Acworth directed to the Womens Meetg.
were laid before this Meetg. for Notice and - returned

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1st Returned to the Womens Meetg. for them to Dispose of -
This Meetg. taking into Consideration the Appointment
of some Friends to the place of Visitors. Our Friends Mose
Brown & Thomas Lapham are Appointed for that
Service, to proceed & Visit the Families of Friends within
the verge of This Monthly Meeting as Truth opens the
way and to make report once in three Months
untill the service be Accomplished.

The Consideration of some suitable persons to be ap-
pointed to the place of overseers & overseers of the poor also
to have care of meeting houses &c. & Treasurers referred to the Com^{tee}
before named to consider of a clerk they to Nominate
Such persons as they think ^{suitable} to our next monthly
meeting. The Friends appointed to Enquire into the
Propriety of Granting Certificates to Joseph Shove
and Ben^l Carr. Not being ready to Report that Matter
is referred, & they desired to report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
Report that they attended according to appointment.

The appointment of a School Com^{tee} is Referred to
Next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield for ~~Providence~~ Providence the 25th of

2nd 1784. This Meeting being Convened the
Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetg.
are David Hill & Rubin Blanchard who Being
called Ruben Blanchard present the other not.
Jonathan Arnold appointed Clerk for this
time the Com^{tee} to consider of a person suitable for
a clerk & overseers of the poor &c. inform they are not
ready to Nominate friends. the same is continued

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2nd

Continued till our next Monthly Meeting then to report

The Committee appointed to meet Committees from Smithfield and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings & settle the Monthly Meetings Accounts and to ascertain what Sum Remains to be paid by each M^o. Meet^g. to Discharge Debts &c. Report they have attended to their appointment, ^{and completed the Service.} Except ascertaining what method would be best for to be taken to support the poor that are to be jointly supported by this and Smithfield Monthly Meetings therefore they are continued to complete the service and make Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to Inquire into the propriety of granting Certificates Joseph Shove & Benjamin Earl presented a Certificate for each of them Directed to Swansea Monthly Meeting which were signed by the Clerk.

A Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting recommending Timothy Greene to the care of this Meeting was read and accepted. The Women Friends informed this Meeting that they were desirous to have some Men Friends appointed to join the Committee of Women Friends in a visit to Sarah Olney on account of her Requesting the care of Friends for which Service this Meeting doth appoint Rufus Smith Eliza Steer Joseph Basset to join the Committee of Women Friends and to Report to next Monthly Meeting their proceedings therein.

The appointment of a School Committee is again referred to next Monthly Meeting. This Meeting Recommends to the preparative Meeting to make a Subscription to raise the Sum of Forty Pounds to discharge the Monthly Meetings Debts.

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A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 2^d of the
3^d mo. 1784. The Meeting being convened the Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are John Holden
& Jeremiah Hinkinson who are both present.

The Committee appointed to consider of & nomi-
nate suitable Friends for the places of Clerk Overseers & Over-
seers of the poor & Treasurer
For this Meeting have Nominated Thomas Latham for
Clerk which being satisfactory he is accordingly appointed
Clerk to this Meeting.

Also John Holden was nominated for Treasurer which
being approved of He is accordingly appointed for that
place. Also Augustus Latham Benjamin Smith
Amasa Gray George Arnold Elisha Steere & Rufus
Smith are appointed Overseers. Also Thomas Arnold
Augustus Latham are appointed overseers of the Poor.
Also Samuel Arnold Benjamin Smith & Caleb Greene
are appointed to have the care of Meeting Houses, Lots,
& Burying grounds.

A Certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting dated y^e
27th of Sept. M^c Recommending George Farnum to the
care of this Monthly Meeting was read and accepted.

The Friends appointed to settle acc^{ts} between
Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetg. Report which
is accepted and is as follows.

All of the Committee to settle acc^{ts} between Smith^{field}
and Providence Monthly Meetings having met and
find the sum of £10. 9. 2. Expended on the Poor since
the first Division of Smithfield Monthly Meetg. Eight
Pounds six shillings & ⁷ Lawful more ~~the sum~~ of which is due from Prov^{idence}
to Smithfield Month Meetg for money Expended by
their Overseers more than their part.

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3rd have also visited Lawrence Southwicks Family and find
they have six children at home 3 of which are suitable to put
out and they agree that Friends shall take them as soon as suitable
places can be found - the other three we think best to Remove
over with their parents to the House of Mr^r Buffum in Smithfield
and that the overseers of the poor of the Two meetings provide
for them things necessary for their comfortable support,
and that they apply to the Select Men of Mendon for a Removal
certificate to the Town of Smithfield before they be Removed,
as there appears to be Three of the Children and the ~~mother~~
Mother of the ~~Three children~~ who are not Members, and
altho at present we see no way to separate the Family
yet a Time may come when it may be done

Smithfield 22^d 3rd M^o 1784

Jacob Arnold
Moses Brown
Jonathan Morley
W^m Buffum
Amasa Grafton
George Constatk

The Friends appointed to assist the women in a visit to
Sarah Olney together with the women friends under that
appointment Report that they think it safe for friends
to grant her Request, the same, having met the approbation
of the Womens meeting, it is approved of by this Meeting,
and she accepted a member of our Society.

The Matter Referd to this Meetg Respectly the
appointment of a School com^{tee} being considered over Friends
Caleb Green Jeremiah Wilkinson Thomas Latham
Elisha Stur Joseph Farnum Thomas Arnold
Samuel

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3rd Samuel Hills Benjamin Arnold John Holden Amasa Gray &
Joseph Basset are appointed a School Com^{tee} for this Monthly
Meet^g. To have the oversight of Schools within the town
and to Encourage & promote the setting up of Schools from
Time to Time according to the advice & Direction of the Yearly
Meet^g that they also apply the Donation of Ralph Thayer
for the purposes of Education, agreeable to the conclusion
of the Monthly Meet^g before they were divided Any Seven
of them are empowered to Act. The Preparative Meet^g
having proposed to this Meeting that it might be best for
Meet^g House at Providence be fitted by An addition for
holding a Mens & Womens Meet^g for business, which being
considered & meeting the approbation of this Meet^g. It
is concluded that the same be sent up to the Quarterly Meet^g
for their advice.

Thomas Lapham having Informed the Preparative
Meet^g that he had thoughts of going as far as the River
Swains & Saratoga on business with an Intent to see
that Country with some thoughts of settling there if it
appeared best whereupon Moses Brown Joseph Congdon
& Abel Greene are appointed to take an opportunity
with Thomas upon that matter & if they find nothing
to hinder to prepare & sign a few lines as a certificate
for him, As he is clerk, If he is desirous of going
before next Month's Meet^g if not to lay the same before
our next Monthly Meet^g.

an act to the Quarterly Meet^g was prepared
in and approved of by this Meet^g and signed by the
the clerk ~~~~ and the Queries with the
answers

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3rd Answers from the preparative Meetg. were read which
after some alterations were approved of and ordered to be
transcribed by our Representatives who are Rufus Smith
Jonathan Arnold Benjamin Smith & Oziel Wilkinfon
and forwarded to the Quarterly Meetg.

In Acc^t of the Monthly Meetg. Books.
15 of John Woolmans Epistles
2 of the rise and progress of the people called Quakers
by Wm Penn
One of Saml Stantons Journals
2 of Richard Davares Travels
one of Benjamin Holmes Epistles and Works
2 of the grounds of a holy life by Thos Turford
15 of the true harmony of mankind by John Woolmans

At A Monthly Meetg. of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 20th of the

4th 1784 The Meetg. being convened the Rep^{ts} from the
Preparative Meetg. are Joseph Bassett & Joseph Rand
who being called are present

The Representatives appointed last month to
attend the Quarterly Meetg. Report that they all
attended the same. And they presenting the Epistles
therefrom, which being read is well accept.

The friends appointed Report that they have had
an opportunity with Thomas Lapham, and he concluding
not to go for soon as was expected that matter is referred under
the care of the Com^{ee} they to Report when the Service is
accomplished David Steere being Proposed by the Com^{ee}
to last Monthly Meetg. for an Overseer of the Town but not

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^{1st} ^{not} not being at that meeting but ^{now} being present he is accordingly appointed an Overseer of the poor.

And Daniel Anthony also being Proposed by said ~~father~~ for one to have the care of Meeting Houses Lots & burying grounds, and not being at that meeting but now present he is accordingly added to the friends appointed for that Service.

At A Monthly Meetg of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 26th of 7th
5th M^o 1784. The Meetg being convened the Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are Jeremiah Harris
& Smith Brown both Present.

The Preparative Meeting Informing that Elisha Bowen hath had a difference in his fathers family which remains unsettled, and that he some time past voluntarily Engaged and worked on board of an Armed Vessel and Rec^d wages therefor. And the Overseers having several times visited him and he appeared in a state not Sustainable to make Satisfaction for his misconduct. There-
upon this Meeting appoints Thomas Lapham
Aziel Wilkinson George Arnold to Labour with
him for his recovery and Reformation and make
Report to next Montly Meetg.

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 23^d of the
6th mo. 1784 The Me^{ty} being convened the Representatives
from the Preparative are Oziel Wilkinson & Samuel Hill
who being called are both present.

Our Friend Thomas Scattergood was at this Meeting on
a Religious visit, his certificate from a Mon^{ly} Me^{ty} of
Friends held in Philadelphia for the Northern District
on the 23th of last month was read to Satisfaction.

also our Friend David Sanders attended this Meeting
on a Religious visit. His certificate from creek monthly
Me^{ty} held in Ninepartners the 21st of the last Month
was read to Satisfaction.

A certificate of Removal from Rhode Island Mon^{ly}
Me^{ty} held at Portsmouth the 27th of the 4th mo. 1784
recommending David Anthony and Wife to the care
of this Me^{ty} was read and Accepted.

The ~~committee~~ to Treat with Elisha Bowen not having
had an opportunity with Him they are continued and desired
to early attend to that Service after this Me^{ty} and make
report to next monthly Me^{ty}.

The Answers to the Queries from the Preparative
Me^{ty} were read and after some alterations & additions
made were approved of and Ordered to be transcribed
and annexed to the act. to the Quarterly Meeting,
which was read up approved of and Signed by the Clerk. The
Representatives therein named are Thomas Lapham
Caleb

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6th Caleb Greene and Benjamin Smith

The Womens Meet^g Inform that Sarah Gardner hath Requested a certificate for her self son and Daughter to the next Meet^g in New York Government & desire this Meet^g of Friends therein where upon our Friends Joseph Congdon & Caleb Greene are appointed to assist the women in that matter and Report to next Meet^g Meeting

At a Monthly Meet^g of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 28th of the 7th mo. 1784 The Meet^g being convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meet^g are Elipha ~~Stear~~ ^{Stear} and Samuel Hills who being called are both Present.

Joshua Cabell Presented a certificate from Swanzy Meet^g dated 5th Instant. Signifying that it was expected he would reside sometime within the verge of this Meet^g and recommending him to our Christian Care the same was read and accepted.

The Epistle from the Quarterly meeting was read to Satisfaction

Also Transcripts of the Extracts and Epistles from our last Yearly Meet^g at Newport. Also Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London, Philadelphia and Westbury on Long Island were read to good Satisfaction. The Womens Meeting inform that they have disowned Rebecca Clarke, wife of Joseph Clarke of which this Meeting approves

A Minute of Smithfield monthly Meet^g held at
the 22th of last month was read up wherein this Meet^g
is desired to visit their apstance in the case of Lawrence
Southwick - where upon Jonathan Arnold David Sturges
are appointed to join the Comtee of that Meet^g and
labour therein as way may open - and make Report to
our next M^oly Meet^g - The friends to Labour with Eliza
Bowen not having all been upon that business they are
continued to fulfil that Service and report to next M^oly
Meet^g - The friends ^{to} assist the women in the case of Sarah
Gardner - Report that they have attended to that Service, but have
not completed the same - therefore they are continued for that
Service & report to next M^oly Meet^g -

The Representatives appointed to attend the last
Quarterly Meet^g Report that they all attended according to appoint^{ment}

The Quarterly Meet^g's Comtee in the matter Proposed
for an addition to the Meeting House at Providence attend^{ed}
this Meet^g with a copy of the minute of their appointment
whereupon this Meet^g appoints Daniel Anthony Eliza Stearns
Rufus Smith & Oziel Hinkinson a Comtee ^{with them} to confer on that
matter and open the ^{reflecting} circumstances the same - and report
to next Monthly Meeting -

The Quarterly Meet^g in their Epistle Recommending
to this Meeting to raise the sum of £10-10 for the use of y^r.
and the yearly Meet^g. Where upon this Meet^g recommends
to the Preparative Meeting to raise the sum and ^{send} up
to our next M^oly Meet^g - The consideration of the
other matters mentioned in the Epistle are Refered to
next M^oly Meet^g -

At a Monthly Meet^g of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 23th of the
8th mo. 1784

The meet^g being convened, the representatives
appointed at the Preparative meet^g are Daniel Anthony
and James Comstock who being called James Comstock
Present. A certificate from Rhode Island dated Mo^{ly}
Meet^g dated the 21th of the 2^d mo last was presented
this day and read the same recommending Abraham
Barker to the care of this meet^g. But as he does not reside
within the verge of this Meet^g a few lines were endorsed
on the back of the certificate and ordered to be returned
to Rhode Island Mo^{ly} Meet^g and Amasa Gray
is desired to return the same the first opportunity
and make return to next Mo^{ly} Meet^g.

The comtee to assist Smithfield Mo^{ly} Meet^g
in the case of Lawrence Southwick Report that
they have attended on that matter. Some of the comtee
from one of the other Mo^{ly} meet^{gs} not attending
the matter was not fully accomplished. Therefore
the comtee is continued to fulfil their appointment &
Report to next Monthly Meet^g. The comtee ap-
pointed to assist the womens Meet^g in the case of Sarah
Gardner Produced a Draught of a certificate directed
to the Creek Mo^{ly} Meet^g in the Ninepartners
Recommending Sarah Gardner and three children
(viz) Edward Benjamin and Lydia to the care of y^t.
meet^g. the same was approved of and signed by the clerk.
The comtee in the case of Elisha Bowen
Report.

Report that they have met with him, and he proposed to write to the Mth M^{tg}. in order to satisfy Friends But nothing appearing from him the Comtee is continued to have the care of that matter and Caleb Greene is added to them, they to report to next monthly M^{tg}.

The womens M^{tg}. having a Request of Mary Jenkins before this M^{tg}. for a certificate to Creek Monthly M^{tg}. for self and children whose names are as follows, Frederick, Gilbert Thomas - Elizabeth & Lydia. whereupon this M^{tg}. appoints Moses Brown Joseph Congdon Thomas Lapham to assist the womens M^{tg}. in that matter and Report to next Monthly M^{tg}.

The Comtee appointed to confer with the Quarterly M^{tg}. Comtee respecting an addition to the Meeting House at Providence, Report that they met said Comtee and they concluded to leave it with this Mth Meeting to do as we thought best - whereupon Elipha Stearns Augustus Lapham Benj. Smith Samuel Shills, Joseph Randall, Asa Potter, Jeremiah Harris, Jon^a Arnold, Joseph Congdon Junr. Joseph Farnum Caleb Greene, John Tholden and Smith Brown - are appointed to take that matter into consideration and report their sense what is best to be done in that case to next Monthly M^{tg}.

The consideration of the matter in the Quarterly M^{tg}. Epistle is still Refered to the disposal of next mth M^{tg}. and the matter of filling up the appointment of exitors being also opened before this M^{tg} it is also refered to the consideration of next Mth M^{tg}.

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The Comtee to visit Situate and Wankhee, Meetings
make Report which is accepted and is as follows

~~Said Comtee~~ are still continued for the service appointed
and report in the 11th mo. their sense of the

To the monthly meet^g of Friends held at Smithfield
for Providence the 25th of the 3rd mo. 1784

The Year Comtee Appointed to visit the meet^g
of Situate and Wankhee Report that we have ^{several}
times attended S^c. Meetings and think they are
kept up in some good Degree to Reputation

have also attended to the matter Re-
specting the Meet^g House Lot at Situate and
Taken a writing from Charles Harris wherein
he has agreed to pay six shillings for a year for
the time to come that he shall improve the Lot

Jeremiah Wilkerson
Benjⁿ Smith
Joseph Randell
Jonathan Arnold jun^r
Smith Brown
Thomas Lovthorn

Said Comtee are still continued for the service
appointed and report in the 11th mo. their sense of the
Meet^g & the continuance of such a Comtee

A Letter from the meet^g for Sufferings
Informing that they have lately Rec^d. a number of
Books from Philadelphia which friends are Desirous
to subscribe for in freedom and send for the Books
at Providence whereupon Smith Brown and Aza
Arnold, David Steere, & Asa Potter are appointed
to take subscriptions and assist friends in getting
Said Books

Know all Men by these Presents that I David
Harris of Smithfield in the County of Providence, and State of
Rhode Island & Providence Plantations, Esq^r. For and in
consideration of the faithful service of Pink a Negro
woman now under my government, And upon princi-
ples of humanity and Benevolence, me hereunto moving.

Do by these Presents for myself my Heirs, Executors and
Administrators, Manumit and set Free the said
Negro woman named Pink being about the age of
forty two years. ; Hereby releasing all claims of
property in the Person of the said Pink, which I or my
Heirs Executors or Administrators could or might have
by any Law Custom or usage whatever. And hereby
warrant to the said Pink her Freedom from the claims
of all Persons, In Wit Neft where of I the said
David Harris have here unto set my hand and Seal
this twenty ninth day of the third month in the year
of our Lord 1784.

David Harris (Seal)

Sign Seal & Deliverd,

In Presence of
Mary Lapham
Thomas Lapham

1784 A Monthly Meeting

9th month held at Smithfield for Providence the 9th of the 9th moth 1784.

The meetg being convened the report from the preparatory meetg were
Esa Potter & Jeremiah Harris who being called are both present.
This meetg recd a certificate from Rhode Island m^{thly} meeting of
the 31st of last month; Recommending Solomon Fish to the care
of this meeting which was read and accepted.

The comtee to assist Smithfield m^{thly} meetg Report, That they
have again attended to that appointment, but the matter is not
yet fully accomplished. Therefore the same is refer^d under the com^{tee}
care - they to report to this meeting in the 11th month or sooner if ready.

The Comtee in the case of Elisha Bowen report that they have
met with him, but he has not prepared any thing in writing for
this meeting. Therefore they are continued to have the care of that
matter, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee appointed last month respectg making an addition to
Providence meetg House report which is lodged till next m^{thly} meetg
for consideration.

Amasa Gray reports that agreeable to appointment he delivered
Abraham Banks certificate to a friend belonging to Rhode Island
m^{thly} meetg.

The minute of last month respecting the matter in the Epistle
from last Quarter & settling up the appointment of visitors
being read up & considered the meetg proceeded to appoint
Oziel Wilkinson & Elisha Seave as an addition to the visitors
heretofore appointed they to proceed to visit friends families
within the verge of this monthly meetg as soon as way may
open, and also the visitors with the overseers of this meetg are
desired to meet once a Quarter and consider of the State of Society
and report the same to the monthly meetg preceeding the
Quarterly meetg which we apprehend will answer the desire
mentioned in the Epistle of last Quarter.

The preparatory meetg informing that George Arnold hath request
a certificate of removal to Smithfield m^{thly} meetg the report
this meetg appoints Caleb Greene & Daniel Anthony to make

1784 the necessary enquiry and if nothing appears to hinder to make
a draft of a certificate and report to next monthly meeting

The prepar^{to} meetg also informing that George Tarnum desires
a certificate to Uxbridge monthly meeting where upon Amasa Gray
& John Holden are appointed to make the necessary enquiry
and if nothing appears to hinder to make a draft of a certificate
and report to next monthly meeting

The prepar^{to} meetg also informing that they have subscribed
£14-9-6 for the use of friends wherefore the same is directed
to be delivered to the monthly meeting's Treasurer he to
forward £10-10-0 thereof to the Quarterly meeting's Treasurer
agreeable to the request of Last Quarter

The women's meeting laying before this meeting a request of Mary
Penkings for her two young children Anna & Sarah to
be received under the care of friends where upon Rufus
Smith Thomas Arnold Amasa Gray Joseph Congdon Moses
Brown & Thomas Sapham are appointed to join a committee
of the women's meeting and consider what is best to be done
respecting the same and report to next monthly meeting

The answers to the Quorian from the prepar^{to} meeting being
read were approved of and ordered to be transcribed by the
Representatives & annexed to the act to the Quarterly meeting
which was read up approved of & signed by the Clerk

The Representatives named in the act are Joseph Tarnum
Amasa Gray & Moses Brown who are desired to ^{Report} their
attention to the appointment to our next monthly meeting

The women inform that their Committee in the case of Lydia
Tarnum desires this meeting to appoint some friends to
assist them there in where upon Caleb Crane & Eziel
Wilkinson are appointed for that service and report
to next monthly meeting

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10th mo.

11 a. Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence the 27th of the 10th mo 1784
The Clerk being absent, Jon^{as} Arnold is appointed Clerk
for the day. The meeting being Convened the Representatives
from the preparative meeting are Reuben Blancher and
Levi Arnold who being called are absent. The Committee
in the case of Elisha Benson present a paper of acknowledgements
from him which is kept on file ^{and} report they think it may be best to
wait longer upon him therefore it is continued until the
case of the same Committee they do make report in the first month
next or sooner if they think best. The Committee in the case
of George Sumner Wife and Children whose names are Phoebe
Hudson Oliver & Elizabeth report they have made the
necessary Inquiry and find nothing to hinder his having a
Certificate also presented one which is read and signed by the
Clerk Directed to Smithfield Monthly Meeting. The Com^{tee}
in the case of George Sumner report they have made
Inquiry and find nothing to hinder his having a Certificate
and presented one which was read and signed by the Clerk D^{ir}
at Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. The Committee in the case
of Mary Jenkins Request for her Children whose names
are Anna & Sarah make Report that they think it may be
best to receive them. which is accepted and they considered
as members. The Representatives appointed to attend the
Quarterly meeting report that they have attended accor-
dingly. The Committee appointed to assist the women
in the case of Lydia Sumner report as follows, which is
accepted and she is no longer considered a member of ^{our} Society.
The preparative meeting informing that Artemus
Fitch desired his Children whose names were Alice Preserved
Jab Ruth Peley Isaac & Sarah might be taken under
the care of Friends wherefore this meeting doth appoint
Daniel Shubary Major Brown & Eziel Wilkinson to join
the women Friends that may be appointed for that service
to visit the family and report their judgment respecting
granting his said request and make Report to next month
meeting. The Preparative meeting informing that Shu-
bal Coffin was desirous to Lay his intentions of Marriage
with Sarah Cney before this meeting.

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and he produced a Certificate from the Monthly meeting
of Naticket for that purpose signifying that he had
Consent of Parents and Relations Concerned and Cleanness of
Marriage Engagements among them. And they appeared
in this meeting and Declaring their Intentions of marriage
were Directed to come to next monthly meeting for an answer.
The preparative meeting informing that Elisha Steer was
desirous that his ~~little~~ Children whose names are Shesha
Stephen and Elisha might be taken under the care
of Friends wherefore this meeting doth appoint - & may
Gray Caleb Greene & Samuel Hills to join the women
Friends to Visit the Family and Consider of the Propri-
ety of this meeting Granting his Request and make
Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Report of the Committee respecting the meeting
house at Providence and doings of the Quarterly meeting
thereon not being present that matter is referred to next
Monthly Meeting.

1. Certificate for Mary Jenkins Wife of Thomas and
Children whose names are Frederick, Gilbert, Thomas,
Elizabeth, Lydia, Anna, and Sarah, was signed by the
Clerk and Directed to Quarterly Meeting in the
Name partners. And as no Request was made for their
Son Elisha who has also Right of membership by birth
and he having been sent to Europe when about 13 years
of age and returned Sometime past in the fashion and
Costume of the world and ^{not} appearing as a Friend in any
of our meetings and was removed when the Committee
visited the Family the meeting ^{has} not had an opportunity
to discharge themselves to him or are clear to give
him a Certificate with the rest of the Children.
Therefore Joseph Langdon & Amasa Gray are appointed
to write a ~~Certificate~~ Circumstantial account of the case
to go to the meeting he has removed to and Lay the
same before next monthly meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting Epistle was read in this meeting
to Satisfaction.

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11th M.

At A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence the 24th of the 11th month 1784.

The meeting being convened the representatives from the
Preparative meeting are Nathaniel Walker & David Snow both
Present. ~

The Case of Artemas Fishs request is referd by the Desire of
the Committee. who think well of having an addition to them
wherefore Augustus Lapham, & Joseph Tarnum are appointed
to join them and they to report to next monthly meetg
Shubal Coffin & Sarah Olney who laid their Intentions
of marriage before last monthly meeting, appeared in this
and recd their answer in order for marriage, thereupon Thomas
Arnold & Caleb Greene. are appointed to see the same con-
firmed according to the good order of Friends and report to
next Monthly meeting ~

The womens meeting laid a report before this meeting, in favour
Rippa Smiths being accepted a member of our Society, which they
approve of unless this meeting has an objection none appearing
said report is accepted ~ ~ ~

The Committee appointed report a Circumstantial acct. re-
specting Elisha Jenchens Directed to the Yearly meetg
which being read with some alterations was approved of & signed
by the clerk and delivered Caleb Greene to forward by
the first opportunity ~

The matter referd respecting the meeting House at Providence
being read up as also the doings of the Quarterly meeting
thereon whereupon our Friends Amata Gray Caleb Greene
& John Holden are appointed a Committee to build the proposed
addition to said meeting House according to the demonstrations
mentioned in the doings of the Quarterly meetg. and make
report when accomplished. ~ ~

The business of the Preparative is referd to next monthly meetg
The Committee appointed to assist Smithfields monthly meetg
in the case of Lawrence Southwick report that they have assisted
in that matter as far as they were Enabled they having with.

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11th Mo. others jointly reported to that meetg therefore the Committee is
Lifmist. and that matter left to the Disposal of Smithfield
Monthly meeting ~
The Committee make the following report viz

Therefore the before nam^d Children are accepted members
of this meeting ~

Aza Arnold is appointed to provide fuel and make fires
at this House for a moly & Preparay meeting during the on-
-suing winter and at the end thereof to report his acct.

A Letter from the meeting for Sufferings Dated 1st of this
present month was read, where in Friends were desired to
Contribute in freedom to the use of the yearly meeting Schoo-
which is set up at Portsmouth on Rhode Island and also for-
ward the Subscriptions already made ~

12th Mo. 11 a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
for Providence the 29th of the 12th 1784 ~

The meeting being convened the Representatives from the
Preparative meetg are Caleb Greene & Jeremiah Harris
who being called are both present. The Clerk being absent
Benjamin Smith is appointed Clerk for the day -

The Comtee on the case of Artemas Fitch report that there is
nothing done in that affair therefore it is refer^d to the next
monthly meetg they then to report they are desired to attend
upon it. ~ ~~appointed to attend the marriage of Shubal Coffin~~
The Comtee appointed to attend the marriage of Shubal Coffin
report that they attended to their appointment & to their obser-
-vation it was conducted orderly ~

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12th M^o

The women inform this meetg that they have received Rhoda Harris a member of our Society with ^{which} this meetg concurs they also laid a paper of denial before this meetg against Lavina Pain daughter of Rufus Smith which after some alterations was approved of by this meeting ~

The case of Daniel Bragg who being bound an apprentice within the Virge of this meeting has departed from his Indentures run away being before this meetg Daniel Anthony & Thomas Arnold. are appointed to draw a Circumstantial account thereof and send to South Kingstown monthly meetg from whence he came to confer with them & their Comtee thereon ~

The Queries were read with their answers & approved of in this meeting and sent up to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Handlett & Benjamin Smith with an account to the Quarterly meeting Signed by the Clerk they to report to next monthly meeting ~

This meeting was informed by a minute of the Preparative meeting in the 11th mo that Stephen Dexter doth neglect the attendance of meetings for business & weekday meetgs also plainness in Language and dress &c as by a paper from the overseers. Where upon Azel Wilkinson - Nathaniel Walker Jeremiahs Harris & Ruben Blancher are appointed to Labour with him for his recovery and report to next monthly meeting ~

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1st M^o

At A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 26th of the first month 1785 ~

The meeting being Concord The Representatives from the Preparative meetg are Jeremiahs ~~Harris~~ Wilkinson & Ruben Blancher who being called are both present ~

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read and

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kindly accepted and the Clerk is directed to make out Copies for each particular meetg. and bring to our next preparative meetg. and the further Consideration of the Epistle is refer'd to next monthly meetg. The friends in the case of Artemas Tupper request for his Children report that they have attended to that matter and tho the case is not clear at present to accept yet think there is encouragement enough to wait and attend to the case therefore the Comtee is continued to have the necessary case and report to this meetg in the fourth month ~ ~

The Comtee appointed in the case of Daniel Baugg report they have considered the matter, and conferred with some of South Kingtown Monthly meetg & think the way is clear for this meetg to proceed to deal with or disown him as may appear best to the meetg whereupon it is refer'd to next monthly meetg under the care of said Comtee & our overseers who are desired ^{then} to report what they think best for this meetg to do in that case ~ ~

Joseph Handal reports ^{ment} that he attended the Quarterly meeting according to appointment Benjamin Smith reports that he did not attend by reason of indisposition in his family ~

Three of the Comtee in the case of Stephen Dexter report that they have had an opportunity with him and ^{think} it may be safe to refer the matter till another month therefore it is refer'd accordingly the Comtee to pay him another visit & then to report ~

The Comtee in ^{the} case of Elisha Bowen report that by reason of sickness they have not visited him therefore they are desired to attend to the appointment and report to next monthly meetg ~

The preparative meetg inform that Benjamin Arnold, Junr. request a Certificate to Greenwich monthly meetg. Signifying his Cleanness in respect to Marriage Engagements among us ~

Thereupon John Holden & Amasa Gray are appointed to enquire into his Cleanness ^{then} in respect and make report to next monthly meeting and produce a few lines if they find cleanness ~

John Lawton inform'd this meetg that he Desires a Certificate to Sandwich monthly meeting. Signifying his Cleanness ⁱⁿ respect to Marriage Engagements among us ~

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Whereupon Daniel Anthony & Thomas Arnold are appointed to Enquire into his clearings in that case and report a few lines to next monthly meetg if they find Clearings. The womens meetg have collected for the Support of the poor 6/11 pence and sent into this meetg the same is delivered to our Treasurers for that purpose ~

At 0.
2. M.

At a Monthly meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 23rd of ye 2nd mo 1785 ~

The meetg being convened the representatives from the Preparative meetg are Rufus Smith & Benjamin Arnold ^{jun} both present ~

The Epistle from the Last Quarterly meetg be again read up and several friends mentioning their prospects thereon.

The meetg proceeded to nominate Caleb Greene Elisha Bowen^{jun} Joseph Farnum Thomas Lapham & Amos Blucher a Comtee to spread the concern therein mentioned amongst our absent ~~friends~~ members as they may think proper and where any appear deficient therein to treat tenderly with them as truth may open the way and make report to the monthly meeting when ready ~

The women presented a Circumstantial account of ^{the} Acceptance of Sarah Garmoner Jun^{rs} Certificate on their minutes, Also an account of her conduct while among us in a letter to Clerk monthly meeting where she hath removed the Sam was approved of & the Clerk Directed to sign said letter with the Clerk of the womens meetg. ~

The friends in the case of Daniel Bragg report that they have mett^d and considered said case and made some enquiry into his conduct and that it was their Judgment it would be ~~best~~ well to make a minute Against him whereupon this meeting disowns unity with him & puts him from under their care as a member. ~

The Comtee in ^{the} case of Stephen Dexter inform they have not had ^{an} opportunity with him since Last monthly meeting

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2nd m. Some of the Comtee not attending by reason of Sickness, that matter is therefore referred to next monthly meetg under the care of said Comtee they then to report.

The Comtee in the case of Elisha Bowen report which being read is referred to the consideration of next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Arnold's report that they find nothing to hinder his having a Certificate, and ^{re} requested one & presented one which was read approved of and signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee in the case of John Lawton report they find nothing ^{to hinder} his having a Certificate as requested & presented one, which was read approved of, and signed by the Clerk.

Agreeable to the recommendation in the Epistle from last Quarterly meetg Friends in the Preparative Meeting are desired to subscribe in freedom for the building the Addition to the meeting in Providence Also for the building the Meeting House at Bedford.

3rd m. A Monthly meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 30th of the 3rd month 1785. The meetg being convened the Representatives from the Preparative meetg are John Holden & Joseph Farnum both present. The Friends in the case of Stephen Dexter report ~~and~~ which being read is referred to the consideration of next monthly meetg by reason of the meetg being small, on account of its being a very stormy day.

The matter respecting E. Elisha Bowen is again referred to next Monthly meeting. The answers to the Queries from the Preparative meetg were read up and after some small alterations were approved of also an account to the Quarterly meeting was read approved of and signed by the Clerk.

Agreed - hence Thomas Lapham and Anasa Gray are appointed Representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting and to make report to next monthly meeting.

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4th mo

- At a monthly meeting

held at Smithfield for Providence the 27th of the 4th moth
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The meeting being convened the Representatives ~~are~~ from
the Separatives are Thomas Arnold & Thomas Lapham
both present ~

The friends appointed report that they attended the
Quarterly meeting according to appointment and pre-
sented an Epistle therefrom which being read is kindly ac-
cepted. The report of the Comtee in the case of Elisha Bowen
being read up and several friends mentioning a desire to
have an opportunity with Elisha and the Comtee therefore
the matter is referred to next monthly meeting to give friends
an opportunity

The report in the case of Stephen Dexter related to this meetg
& being read up which is as follows ~

According to appointment we have visited Stephen Dexter
and he gives not only Encouragement of its being best to
wait longer on him, nor do we think further Labour to be
our duty at present. Jeremiah Harris Reuben Blancher
- Nathaniel Walker Ozier Wilkinson. Whereupon after laying
thereupon before the women's meetg friends thought best
to proceed to a denial and he is hereby put from under
the care of friends until he shall make satisfaction for
the matters complained of And Hogen Brown and
Smith Brown are desired to inform him of his denial
& right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his denial
and report to next monthly meetg ~

This meetg received a few lines from Benjamin Barney
in testimony for in behalf of Samluchett - Hoey meetg
requesting our care and information what method may be
best for them to adopt respecting Seth Clark who has a birth
right in our Society and resides with Philipe Stratton
his father in law at Providence without having any Testifi-
cate whereupon John Holden Thomas Arnold & Daniel
Anthony

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are desired to inspect that matter and report to next monthly meetg.
4th mo. what they think best to be done in that case.

The Comtee in the case of - Thomas Tipton request for his children to be taken under the care of friends not having all attended to the appointment are desired to fulfill the same and report to next monthly meetg.

The womens Meetg. collected 9/4 and sent into this meetg for the use of the mo. meetg the same was delivered to our Treasurers.

At 6 p.m.
A monthly meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 25th of the 5th month 1785. The meetg being convened the representatives from the Preparatory meetg are (Abel Greene & Benjamin Smith who being called are both present.

The case of Elipha Bowen being read up and the meetg informed that there had been an opportunity agreeable to the design mentioned last month. The meetg after conferring thereon concluded to accept a paper of acknowledgement from him and pass by his misconduct and continue him a member of our Society and Joseph Harmon is desired to read said acknowledgement at the close of a society at Situate & report to next monthly meetg.

The womens meetg inform that they have treated with Elizabeth Pray on her requesting the care of friends and this well of granting the same, which after consideration on the subject this meetg also approved of.

The Comtee report that they have informed Stephen Dexter according to appointment and presented a Testimony of his denial which is referred to the consideration of next meetg.

The Friends appointed report that they have inspected the matter respecting Seth Clark and find that he is on a whaling voyage at sea and not expected in soon and as it does not appear that he has been known as a friend amongst said Friends are desired to inform Benjamin Barney and William Koffin of the circumstances and report to next monthly meetg.

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5th m^o

The Comtee in the case of Artemas Tupper request
for his children mention that they have attended to
the appointment but not fully ready to report. There
fore they are desired to report to next m^oly meetg
It being moved in this meetg for a reappointment
of Visitors, Overseers, and the Clerk the same is referd
to the seventh month and friends under them appoint-
ments are desired to fulfil. Their ^{several} Stations till that time
or a reappointment takes place ~

6th m^o

At A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence the 29th of the 6th month 1785 ~

The meeting being convened the representatives from the
prepar^e meeting are Jon^a Arnold & Elisha Steere both present

A certificate from Uxbridge m^oly meetg. dated 27th of
last month, recommending Walter Walker, wife & children to
the care of this meetg. his childrens names are Margaret
Abraham Summers & Wing, was read and accepted ~
Joseph Barnum reports that he rec^d the paper & acknowledged^{mt}
from Elisha Bowen according to appointment ~

The testimony of Stephen Deane Daniel concerning
again under consideration and some alterations being
made and having the approbation of the women's meetg
It is approved of by this meetg and signed by the Clerk and
ordered to be recorded ~

The friends in the case of Seth Clark not having
fully completed the appointment are desired to
report to next monthly meetg ~

The Comtee in the case of Artemas Tupper request
for his children not being ready to report they are
desired to attend to the appointment and report to
next monthly meeting ~

Our Friends Thomas Lapham Asiel Wilkinson
& Samuel Hills are desired to Examine the minutes
of our monthly meetg respecting Lawrence Southwick
& family and give their Sense thereon how it will be
best for this meeting to proceed in future in that case

And also produce Extracts of the messary minutes on that occasion to our next monthly meeting ~

The Queries were read and the answers brought up from the Preparative meetg which were ~~read up~~ approved of and directed to be added to an account to the Quarterly meeting which was read up and approved of & signed by the Clerk ~ and the representatives therein mentioned to attend the Quarterly meeting are Caleb Greene Asa Potter & Elisha Steere who are to make report next monthly meetg ~

7th mo
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A Monthly Meeting held
at Smithfield for Providence 27th of the 7th mo 1785 ~
the meetg being convened the representatives from the Preparative are Samuel Hills & Thomas Lapham who being called are both present ~

A Certificate from Uxbridge moly meetg Dated the 1st of this mo recommending W^m Aldrich to the care of this meetg where he purposes to reside a number of months was read and accepted he the said W^m be present ~

Also a Certificate from said moly meetg of the same date recommending David Bennet to the care of this meetg where he has removed to reside a few months was read and he not being present at that meetg friends not having much knowledge of him Elisha Steere & Augustus Lapham are desired to pay him a visit and inform him of his Certificate and request him to attend our next monthly meetg Where they are desired to make report ~

The ~~last month~~ Friends appointed last month report that they attended the Quarterly meetg according to appointment and produced the papers from the same ~

And the Epistle there from was read to satisfaction and the 10-100 mentioned to be raised by this meetg is recommended to the Preparative meetg for Friends to Subscribe in freedom and send an acct to our next moly meetg ~

The Quarterly meetg directed the monthly meetgs to send forward such Subscriptions as friends are free to make toward the Bails ~

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7th mo

The next House at Bedford, the same is recommended to next
 Preparative meetg to subscribe in freedom and send an acct
 to next monthly meetg
 The Epistle from our last Yearly meetg was read to
 Satisfaction.

The Quarterly meetg recommending that each monthly meetg
 appoint two or more suitable friends whose care it shall be to
 see that such friends as come amongst us on a religious visit
 have suitable companions, provided to accompany them when they
 leave our Quarters, or ^{until they get among friends of another quarter} otherwise as the circumstances may require
 And that the so appointed when necessary may present an acct
 of their ~~expenses~~ ^{friends} expenses to their respective monthly meetgs.
 Accordingly our friends - Moses Brown Thomas Lapham &
 Caleb Greene are appointed in this monthly meetg
 for that service.

The Comtee in the case of Artemas Fish request report that
 they have attended to their appointment and think well if
 agreeable to the next meetg that the request be continued till
 the 10th mo next accordingly it is continued under ^{the care of} the same
 Comtee they then to report.

This meetg recd a letter from Joseph Austin & Caleb Greene
 under appointment by Dartmouth meetg respecting
 Francis Rotch, whereupon Daniel Anthony & Moses Brown
 are ~~was~~ appointed to take the matter into consideration
 and return them such an answer as they may think
 consistent with the sense of this meetg and report their
 doings to next meetg.

The women Inform that Dorcas Aldrich hath produced
 a certificate from Uxbridge monthly meetg recommen-
 ding her to the care of this meetg which is accepted.

The friends to consider the circumstances attending Law-
 = rance Southwick & Family not having fully completed
 the appointment they are desired to attend to the matter
 & report to next monthly meetg.

The preparative meetg is desired to make a Subscription
 to supply the next meetg Treasury for the use of the poor.

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7th mo.
Asa Potter requested a certificate to Uxbridge m^oly meetg
signifying his cleanness respecting marriage Engagements among
us whereupon Joseph Bassett & David Steere are appointed to make
the necessary enquiry and report to next m^oly meetg. ~
Smith Brown requested a certificate to Pembroke m^oly meetg
signifying his cleanness respecting marriage Engagements among us
whereupon Caleb Greene & David Anthony are appointed to make the
necessary enquiry & report to next monthly meetg. ~
The matter referred from the 5th mo respecting the reappoint^{ing}ment
the visitors Overseers & Clerk was again opened and the meetg
appointed Thomas Lapham to serve as Clerk for the year en^{ing}
& John Holden is reappointed Treasurer ~
The day being far spent the meetg refers the further
appointment of officers to the opening of next m^oly meetg

8th mo.
A Monthly Meeting
held at Smithfield for Providence the 24th of the 8th mo 1785
The meetg being conven^d the representatives are from
the Preparative ^{meeting} are Joseph Randall & Elisha Bowen ^{and}
both present the Clerk being absent Thomas Arnold is appointed
Clerk for this time. ~
This meetg taking under consideration the further appointment
of officers referred from Last m^oly meetg Elisha Steere Rufus
Smith Amasa Gray Benjamin Smith & Augustus Lapham
are reappointed to the place of Overseers David Steere Augustus
Lapham & Thomas Arnold are reappointed to the place of over-
seers of the poor ~
And Samuel Arnold Benjamin Smith Caleb Greene & Daniel
Anthony are reappointed overseers of meetg Houses burying
grounds, And the Friends now under appointm^t as visitors
are desired to make a report to next monthly meetg of their
progress in that service & their prospect of the usefulness of the
continuance of Friends there in ~
Augustus Lapham & Elisha Steere report that they have

1785 Visited David Bennett according to appointment & advised
him to the attendance of Friends meetg & to avoid unprof-
itable company — But he not being present Friends of
the meetg where he resides are desired to have regard to his
situation he being a youth & the further consideration
upon his Certificate is refer'd to next mo. ly. meetg —
The Friends appointed to Enquire into the Clearness of Smith
Brown & Asa Potter in respect to marriage Engagements
made report that they find nothing to hinder & produced
Certificates one for Smith Brown to Hambrooke and one
for Asa Potter to ^{to proceed in marriage as proposed} ~~to proceed in marriage as proposed~~ ^{to proceed in marriage as proposed} ~~to proceed in marriage as proposed~~
Signifying
their Clearness to wit Smith Brown with Lydia Gents daughter
of Samuel & Asa Potter with Eunice Horick daughter of
Joseph which were Signed by the Clerk this meetg being
Satisfied as to the consent of ~~parents~~ ^{parents} Parents —
The Preparative meetg inform they have Subscribed £5. 8. 6
for the Supply of the Treasury & £3. 19 to waite the
building of Bedford meetg House which is directed to be
paid the Treasurer who is directed to forward £5. 16 to the
Quarterly meetg Treasurer & £3. 19 to the friends appointed
to build Bedford Meetg House —
The Committee appointed to send an answer to the Comtee of
Dorchester mo. ly. meetg respecting Francis Ratch, Not having
accomplished it they are desired to prepare & forward one
by the first opportunity & Izial Wilkinson & Elisha Steere
are desired to assist them therein & report to next mo. ly.
meetg —
One of the Comtee appointed to consider of the Circumstances
attending Lawrence Southwick & Family who had the report
of said Comtee being absent from this meetg that matter is
refer'd to next monthly meetg — when they are desired to report.
At not appearing upon Last monthly meetg minutes that
the Letter respecting Seth Clarke was forwarded by the Comtee
as desired the month before they now inform they forwarded it
as then directed —

1785 An Epistle from the meetg for Sufferings on the Sixth mth
last respecting Schools was read in this meetg the consideration which
is referred to next monthly meetg ~
It is concluded with the concurrence of the Womans meetg to hold
the next monthly meetg at Providence at the usual time ~

9th m^c - A monthly meeting held
at Providence the 28th of the 9th month 1785 ~

The meetg being convened the representatives from the preparative
~~meetg~~ meetg are John Holden & Thomas Arnold who are both present
The Clerk being absent by reason of sickness John Holden is
appointed Clerk at this time ~

One of the friends under appointment as visitors informs that
had ~~not~~ ^{not} & agreed upon a report as requested by last monthly meetg
the others being absent from this meetg they are desired to report
to next monthly meetg ~

The matter respecting David Bennetts Certificate referred to
this meetg is again referred to next monthly meetg under the care
of the same Friends ~

The Comtee relating to Francis Botch formerly of Bedford
report they have fulfilled their appointment ~

The Comtee referred from last monthly meetg relating to Lawrence
Southwick & family made report in writing which is to the
satisfaction of this meetg and is as follows

Agreeable to appointment we have examined the minutes of
the monthly meetg respecting Lawrence Southwick & family ~
We find that it was agreed in the Division of Smithfield &
Providence monthly meetgs that both meetgs have equally the
care of supporting S^r Lawrence & Family. Such of them
as are members to belong to Smithfield monthly meetg also by
a joint Comtee of S^d meetgs afterwards It was further agreed
that the overseers of S^d the two meetgs should provide things
necessary for the comfortable support of S^r family ~
Thereupon we report it is our sense that it will be best in

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9th m^r future for the overseers of Providence m^oly. meetg to
provide one half in necessary articles for their Support
from time to time — Unless it appears to them a better
method to Supply the other Overseers with money for said
purpose yet we think the way ought to stand open for any Friends
to Supply the Overseers with Provisions so far as he may find freedom
to give — and that one or more of our overseers in company
with some of the other Overseers make a visit to the family
once a Quarter, preceeding the answering the Queries,

Thomas Lapham
Samuel Mills
Eziel Wilkinson

The Epistle from the meetg for Sufferings is refer'd to the
School Comtee and the overseers of the poor and they are
request'd to draw an answer to the meetg for Sufferings
and report to next monthly meetg —

The preparative meetg inform'd that William Barker Jun^r
hath departed from the good order of Established by Friends
in several respects, particularly in neglecting the attendance
of our religious meetgs using vain compliments dressing in
a gay and fashionable manner And associating with
unprofitable company &c

for which he hath been Laboured with without the desired
effect wherefore this meetg doth appoint Benjamin Arnold
David Stone Eben Blanchard & Joseph Bassett to further
Labour with him to bring him to a sense of his out
goings and make report to next m^oly meetg —

The Preparative meetg inform that Thaddeus Harris
hath ~~of late~~ been overtaken in several things in his con-
duct. Contrary to the good order of friends particularly
the neglect of the attendance of meetings, Also in deceiving an
illiterate man he deal with by giving him a note wherein was
no sum affixed, altho, he read it to the man, as he said with
the sum of about four dollars, and thereby deceived him
also

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9th m^o - also in drinking strong drink too freely, and quite to excess at one time, for which he hath been labour'd with, without the desired effect, wherefore this meeting doth appoint, Moses Brown, Joseph Congdon, Joseph Farnum, & Caleb Greene, to labour with him for his recovery, and report to next monthly meeting.

The preparative meet^g also informing that the lot of land intended for a burying ^{place} here at Providence, was not altogether agreeable, and friends proposing another lot for exchange, this meeting appoints Rufus Smith, Elisha Steere, Augustus Lapham, Azar Arnold, Joseph Farnum & Benjamin Smith, to take the matter into consideration and view the two lots of Land, and give such advice to the flock as they may think necessary, and report to next monthly meet^g.

A Certificate in behalf of our friend Mary Gardner, daughter of Sarah, was presented by the women, Directed to Creek mthly meeting Vinepartners, was read approv^d & Sign^d by the Clerks.

The prepar^{ve} meeting informing that Samuel Hills requests the care of friends for his Children, or such of them as friends thinks suitable. wherefore this meeting doth appoint, Amasa Gray, Joseph Bassett, David Anthony, Daniel Anthony, Augustus Lapham to visit the family, and report^r our meet^g in next month, what their sense & judgment may be there in.

The queries were read and answers prepared there to, with an acc^t to the Quarterly meeting, and our friend Amasa Gray, Elisha Steere, Azar Arnold & Rufus Smith, are appointed to attend the same, and report to next monthly meeting.

At 12 Monthly meeting held at Smithfield for Providence
26th of the 10th m^o. 1785. The meeting convened, the Represent^{ves} from the preparative meet^g are Sam^l Hills & Elisha Steere both present. George Harris who requested the care of friends at the preparat^{ve} meet^g, appeared in this meeting and still requesting the same our friends Elisha Bowen Jun^r, Joseph Bassett, Jere: Wilkinson, Joseph Congdon, & David Steere, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his

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his request & Suitableness of being admitted a member of our Society - and report to our meet^g in next month.

One of the visitors reported in behalf of the whole that there had been some small progress made by them of the appointment, whereupon this meeting thinks well of their continuance there in, and they to proceed as truth may open the way - and report their progress from time to time to the monthly meetings preceding the Quarterly meetings in the year ensuing.

This meeting being inform^d. that David Bennet hath return^d. to Uxbridge, Thereupon this meeting appoints Augustus Lapham & Benjamin Smith to Inquire into the circumstances relating that matter - and propose an endorsement on his Certificate to next monthly meeting.

Also Caleb Greene & Moses Brown are desired to enquire into the circumstances of William Aldrich who hath return^d to Uxbridge, and Indorse his Certificate and bring to next monthly meeting.

The School Comtee & overseers of the poor not having not having prepared an answer to the Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings, they are desired to fulfil the appointment and report to our meeting in next month.

The prepar^{ve} meet^g informing that Woodbury Comstock desires a Certificate to Smithfield m^{thly} meeting Signifying his cleanness in respect to marriage Engagements among us. Thereupon Thomas Arnold and John Holden are desired to make the necessary Inquiry, and if no objection to ~~make the~~ report an Essay of Certificate to next monthly meeting.

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A Certificate from Uxbridge Monthly meetg Dated
7th month last recommending Stephen Aldrich Son of
Stephen to the care of this meetg was read & accepted
Three of the Elders appointed report that they have had
an opportunity with William Barker Junr and find no
Encouragement of his making friendly Satisfaction for
his outgoings, Therefore this meetg Denies Unity with
him & he is hereby put from under the care of our Society
as a member, until he makes Satisfaction for his outgo-
ings, and Joseph Randall & Smith Brown are appoin-
ted to inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal
and draw a Testimony of his Denial and report to
next monthly meeting.

A Certificate in Behalf of Isabel Arnold (wife of
Benjamin Arnold Junr) from Greenwich m^{thly} meetg
and also one from Sandwich m^{thly} meetg in behalf of
Rebecca Lawton (wife of John) were read and accepted the
women also inform they have agreed to accept Mary Brown
a member of our Society which is concurred with.

The Comtee in case of Artemas Fisher Children report
that they have paid attention to the appointment
and think well the matter be referred another month
accordingly it is referred under the Comtee's care they to report
to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee in the case of Thomas Harris not having
had an opportunity with him by reason of his not meeting
them according to Encouragement given. Therefore
they are Desired to fulfill the appointment & report to
next m^{thly} meetg.

The Comtee respecting the burying ground at Providence
report that they on viewing both Lots do think well of making
the exchange proposed with an addition of about 10 rods
which is agreed to & the Trustees in trust are Directed to
take a deed accordingly.

The Comtee in the case of Sam^l Hills request for his
Children not all having had an opportunity with
them they are Continued for that Service & report to next m^{thly} meetg.

1780 The friends appointed (except one who mentioned a ^{the} ~~reasonable~~ ^{excuse}) report that they attended the Quarterly meeting according to appointment — Joseph Congdon is appointed to read the Testimony of Stephen Lexters Denial at the close of a meeting at Providence & report to next monthly meeting —

The Comtee for Building the addition to Prov^t meetg House Informing that their accounts are now nearly ready to be audited whereupon David Store & Oziel Wilkinson are appointed join with the Stander auditors to audit said accounts & report to next monthly meeting

And the Preparative meeting is requested to make a Subscription in order to discharge the remainder of said accounts & send up to next monthly meeting —

11^m At a monthly meeting held at ~~Smithfield~~ Providence the 23rd of the 11th month 1783 —
The meeting being convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative meeting are Azar Arnold & Joseph Randall both present —

The Comtee in the case of George Hurris not being ready to report that matter is referred they to report to next monthly meeting —

The Friends appointed respectly David Bennetts Certificate Reported an Essay of Endorsement which after some alterations was approved of & signed by the Clerk
The friends desired to Enquire into the Circumstances respecting William Aldrich Reported an Endorsement on his Certificate which is approved of & signed by the Clerk —

The School Comtee & overseer not being ready to report an Answer to the Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings they are desired to report to our meeting in next month —

The friends appointed report that they have informed Wm Backus Junr as desired & drawn a Testimony

of his Denial which was read approved of and Signed by the
The Friends appointed report that they have made
Enquiry and don't find but Woodbury Congregational
is clear of marriage Engagements among us, according
a Certificate directed to Smithfield miltly meetg Signi-
fying same, was approved of & Signed by the flocks
The Comtee in the case of Artemas Ditcher ^{request for} children not being
ready to report are desired to report to next miltly meetg
The Comtee in the case of Thomas Harris not all having
had an opportunity with him they are desired to fulfil
the appointment & report to next miltly meetg
The Comtee respecting Saml Hills requests for his chil-
dren report that they think well of the matters being re-
ferred another month it is referred accordingly to the Comtee
them to report

Joseph Congdon not having read the Testimony
of Stephen Dexters denial he is desired to fulfil
the appointment & report to next miltly meetg
The Auditors not having finished all the accounts
respecting the addition to the miltly house at Providence
But as far as they have gone there appears to be about
£100 yet due for the Expence of addition & the Propo-
sitive miltly not having entered into a subscription

This Meeting taking into Consideration the Advancement
of the Committee for Building a Addition to Providence
Meeting House and the violent Difficulties in Raising
the Money by subscription, Resolved to endeavor to raise
the same — And John Stalden this Meeting was
unanimously appointed with the assistance of the
Bury to raise the sum of £100 Money and to give
his security as Treasurer of this Meeting, payable on
Demand or at longer period within one year, on in-
sult as he can procure the same

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A Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field for Providence 20 of 12th 1703

The Meeting being convened the Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are Nathaniel Walker
& Amos Lapham who being called are both present.

The Committee in the case of George Thomas
Report that it is their Judgement it would be best
for the Monthly Meeting to accept him a Member
thereof—Accordingly he is accepted member of our
Society —

The Epistle from the Meeting for
Suffring mentioned last month being laid
and not present, that matter is directed to be re-
ported to the Meeting in next Month —

The Committee in the Case of Abraham
Fisher cannot for his Children not being ready
to report they are desired to fulfil the appoint-
ment, & Report to our Meeting in next Month,

Three of the Elders on this respecting Eld.
Leavin Report that these Elders had an Oppor-
tunity with him, and that he desired friends to
visit & pray on him. Thereupon the same is
continued under the same Elders care they to
report in the second month next —

The Committee in the case of Samuel Miller
request for his Children not being ready to report,
the same is continued under their care they
to report to next Monthly Meeting —

7th 12^{mo} Joseph Congdon Reports in writing that he read the
Testimony of Stephen Sexton denial according to appointment

The following minute was sent up from last
Preparative Meeting (viz) "This meeting in answer
to the 5th Query took into weighty consideration the case
of friends & children now destitute of employment
which is minuted for consideration of the Month
ly meeting — The same is referred to the Dis-
posal of next month's Meeting. —

This Meeting being informd that Jonathan
Latham gave to keep a school for a few months within
the verge of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of which
this meeting approve, he being an orderly young
man and a member of our Meeting — The
Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute

Thomas Latham informd this meeting
that his son Nathan Latham hath gone to
the Yearly Meeting School on Rhode Island, this
meeting approving thereof to certify that he is
a member of our meeting and direct the Clerk
to forward a Copy of the minute to Rhode Is.
Monthly meeting —

Resolved for J. Latham (young man)
recommending him to the care of the Yearly Meeting
meeting which is a recommendation approved
of and ordered by the Clerk —

The Minutes to the Yearly Meeting the Pre-
parative meeting were read and given over

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Think it best to refer that matter till our meeting in
the 3rd mo. Accordingly the same is refer^d under the
Committee care. They then to report —

The matter report to this meeting respecting
of Friends Children now destitute of Employment
being opened before this meeting, and after a weigh
of Passer Kemon, Dear friends Thomas Lapsman,
Joseph Tammum, Amasa Gray, David Lee, Peter
Williamson, Galsbreene, Charles Lee, & others. Those
are appointed to take the matter into consideration, and
to advise and send out friends and their children as
shall need the same, and Report their steps and
proceedings thereon to the monthly Meeting in 3rd
mo. or sooner if necessary —

The friends named as representatives, report
that they all attended the Quarterly meeting becom
ing to appointment, and the Epistle Thompson
was read to satisfaction — — —

1706.
2nd mo.

At a. Month Meeting held at Smith
field in Providence the 22nd of the 2nd mo 1706

The meeting being concern^d the Represen
tatives from the Preparative meeting are Gals
breene ~~and~~ Charles Lee and Jeremiah Williamson
all present —

The Committee in the care of
Artemus Fisher (yidion) Report, That they
have divers times visited the families and think
there hath been a rise in it, yet under the
present Circumstances think it may be best
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to drop the request at present. Therefore the same
is dismissed.

This meeting is informed by the Representative
meeting that Isaac Walker hath departed from
our Christian Testimony in many respects. As in the
rec'd of Attendance at our Religious meetings, both
at worship and Discipline. — Also in the attendance
of several Exhibitions of ^a company of Idle &
Lazare People, who frequent in ^{the} night. — And
as we are lately Inform'd Running in Debt with-
out taking care to Discharge the same —

And in denying & carefully secreting his misconduct
havin, when treated with by his friends, and he ha-
ving been long Laboured with by friends for
his misconduct; & tenderly treated with & for
borne long particularly Account of his weakness
or lowness of mind at times heretofore, This
meeting disowns Unity with him, thereby
puts him from Under their Law as a Mem-
ber. — Wishing he may Repent of his misconduct
and by a Reformation in life and conversation
be enabled to make Satisfaction therefore —

Benjamin Smith is desired to procure the
same read at the Close of a first day Meeting
at this House and at Providence and make
Report to Next Months Meeting.

The Comtee to visit the Meetings at Scituate & Elisha
& David Steers Report that the meetings in the general
have been kept up to Reputation, & think it may be best
for the Comtee to be dismissed at present, yet Apprehend

1786. That Concern? Friends came towards them meeting, may be useful,
2nd. Our Discipline having having been lately revised by the
meeting for sufferings by direction of the Yearly Meeting & by
them approv'd and being now come to hand, It is concluded
by this meeting that the same be read up in suitable portions
in each of our particular Meetings, being selected, at the
close of several Middle Week Meetings and our Friends Tho.
Saphorn, David Steu, Reuben Blanchard, Joseph Congdon are
appointed to read the same or procure it to be read & report to
this meeting when accomplished.

The Comtee in the case of Thomas Harris not being ready to
report, they are desired to report, to our Meeting in next
month.

A Certificate from Salem monthly meeting Dated 12th of the
1st mo: 1786. Recommending Susannah Raymer to the care of this
meeting was read and accepted.

The Womens meeting Inform that they have Discovered
Margaret Coleman, of which this meeting approves.

It appearing to this meeting that the Comtee that built
the Addition to Providence meeting House have not procured
the Money as was expected, The next Preporative Meeting
is desired to make a Subscription to discharge the same
And the Committee are desired to get the whole acct.
Audited and also to use further Endeavours to hire the
same on Interest if any way Open before the
Preporative Meeting.

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A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 29th of the 1st mo 1786. The meeting was
conducted the Representatives from the Preparative
meeting are Present with Elisha Bowen in
both present —

Benjamin Smith Reports that the Testimony
of Isaac Walker Special hath been read Accord-
ing to Appointment. —

The committee Reports that several of them
have had an Opportunity with Thomas Harris &
that he desires friends to wait longer on him in
order that he may make satisfaction. Therefore
that matter is referred accordingly under the Com-
mittee they to report at our next monthly meeting &
John Bally is added to the committee to assist
in that case. —

The committee in the case of the most worthy
Children Reported and the meeting after consider-
ing of the circumstances think it might be useful
for the Committee to visit them again
Therefore therefore they are continued accordingly
and to report to the monthly meeting in 15 mo
next. —

The Preparative meeting informing that
Elisha Bowen hath widely deviated from our
Christian Testimony in several respects, As in
drinking strong drink to excess, & frolicking
in public undignifiedly & quite dishonourably and

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3 me in spending a great part of his time in an idle & dissipated
careless manner, Therefore this meeting despatched
Samuel Wells, John Holden and Jonathan Arnold to La-
salle with him for his Recovery — and Report to our
next monthly Meeting —

This meeting being informed that the Season
where the first day Meeting has been held at Leitzwater
can not be had for that year any longer — Therefore
this meeting directs that the Meetings be held the 1st
and 3rd days in next month at Eliza Bowen's &
the 9th and fourth first days in next month at Eliza
Pollen, and our friends Eliza, Mary Joseph, Joseph
Caleb Greene and Amasa Gray are appointed
to visit that meeting and confer with the friends there
and Report to our next meeting the first day meetings
at for the future, to our meeting in next month.

The last Preparative Meeting being in order that
there were some Expectations of obtaining the friends in
Advance for building the addition to this house without
making a Subscription at that time, therefore did not
succeed — This meeting taking the matter under
Consideration, do appoint Thomas Lapham, John
Wilkinson, Benjamin Smith, Thomas Arnold, Eliza
Wells, Daniel Anthony, Rufus Smith, & Reuben Blanton
a Committee to examine the accounts and confer with the
friends in Advance and others that may attend the Conference
and Report what they think best to be done in that case
to our Meeting in next month. —

The subject matter of friends launching
into Trade and Business beyond their Ability
to manage in the South being revised in this
meeting

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Meeting and several friends speaking their
respects thereon. This meeting referred the
Constitution, they go to our next monthly meeting.

Then Oliver and Asbury from the Purport
meeting were read, and an Account to the
Purport meeting and approved & signed by
the clerk - and ordered to be transmitted & sent
forward by the Representatives herein mentioned who
are John Brown, Caleb Jones, & Benjamin Graham
and they are directed to make report to next
monthly meeting of their Attention to their
appointment.

The matter is reported to this meeting re-
specting Goldenrod & Asbury is directed
to be reported to next monthly meeting, on account
of the day's being forigent.

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4 mo

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2m

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Providence the 11th of 1st month 1806.

The meeting was General, the Repre-
sentatives from the Rhode Island Meeting were
Augustus & John & Jeremiah & William
both present.

The Clerk read a report (Daniel Anthony
is appointed Clerk for the term.)

The Committee in the Case of John Hagar
report that they have not had an opportunity
yet to see Hagar. They are continued for that
service and expect to see him next meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Elizabeth Brown
report that they have had several opportunities
with him, and that it appeared to be a dull matter, yet think
best that it be referred, therefore it is referred for one month
more. The next after the Committee they then to
Report.

A Certificate from Smithfield Monthly
Meeting, dated 2nd 3rd 1806 on behalf of Asa
Coster recommending him for a member of this
Meeting, was read and accepted.

The Committee in the Case of Samuel Smith request
for his withdrawal report that they think it inadvisable
to accept some of his names. (Children viz)
Barnes Sarah Anna and Rhoda, which report is
read and then received. Members of our
Society.

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A Certificate from Pembroke Monthly Meeting dated 3. 5 m. 1786. Recommending Lydia, wife of Smith Brown, to the care of this Meeting, was read in this Meeting and accepted.

This Meeting being informed that Stephen Abrahams son of Stephen Abrahams of Northbridge, who comes ^{living} resided within this Meeting with his wife, son & daughter. He is now within the verge of Charlestown Monthly Meeting and engaged to work there for a time. And he having left this Meeting without a certificate or advising with Friends in respect to his removal as our Discipline requires; It appears expedient for the preservation of our Religious Testimony that this is a Member of our Society and of the Circumstances of his leaving this Meeting. And that we be desired to extend their Christian care and oversight towards him accordingly. — And Acquaint as themselves. — and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of his minute to said Meeting for their purpose.

The Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting respecting Friends launching into Trade and business &c. not being present, therefore that matter is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to confer with the Brethren in London for building the Addition to Provision Meeting House report, which report is as follows, and is as follows,

He of the Committee to inspect the accounts of

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5th m^c

Building the Lecture & Reading Meeting House,
and to propose some Measures for settling the same,
have paid Attention to that matter, and find there is
now due to the Committee, One hundred & Seventy
five pounds Three shillings & 9^d: including nine
Months Interest on the Balance of their Receipts
which was allowed by the Audit. Sixty Five pounds
Sixteen shillings & Two pence of which due to Ebenezer
Greene — We propose to settle by giving the Treas-
urer Note for Payment to the Treasurer of the
Yearly Meeting, and on the 1st of Jan^y next to such
other person as he shall direct being a Friend.

To enter into a Subscription to make up
the last subscription to 100. in part payable
hundred and twenty pounds & 9^d. due to Ebenezer
Greene which we have laid before the last
preparative Meeting as directed, the remainder
to be discounted with a Friend who agrees to
take the Treasurers Note for the same pay-
able in one year.

Oliver Stone
Oziel Wilkinson
J^r Arnold
Daniel Anthony
Rufus Smith

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And a Subscription being made Accordingly The Treasurer of this Meeting is hereby directed to give his Obligation as Treasurer of this Meeting for the other two sums mentioned in said Report, agreeable to the Terms therein mentioned, and Report to this Meeting when due And he is hereby directed to Notify this meeting at least one month before the Interest becomes due Annually.

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 20th of the 6th month 1706.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are Caleb Greene and Thomas Lapham both present. Our Friend Peter Yarnold from Pennsylvania attended this meeting on a Religious visit. His Certificate from a Monthly Meeting held at Warrington in York County the 11th of the 2nd month 1706. With a Concurring one from Warrington and Fairfax Quarterly Meetings held 20th of 3rd mo. following was read to Satisfaction.

Our Friend Elisha Hick attended this meeting on a Religious Visit. His Certificate from Warrington Monthly Meeting held in York County in Pennsylvania the 11th of 3rd month 1706. With a Concurring one from Warrington & Fairfax Quarterly Meeting held the 20th of the same month was read to Satisfaction.

The Queries and answers from the Preparative Meeting were read and after some alterations made in the answers they were approved of and directed to be sent forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are Caleb Greene, Richard Smith

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And Samuel Hills.

A Certificate from Smithfield M. T. Meeting dated 25 of 6th month last, Recommending Hannah Comstock to the care of this meeting was read and Accepted.

The Preparative Meeting informing that Joshua Earle hath gone contrary to the good order of friends in keeping company with a young Woman not of our Society, to the dishonour of Truth.

Thereupon our friends Joseph Bapel, Oziel Wilkinson, & A. Arnold John Holden are Appointed to labour with him for his Recovery, and Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The request of friends at Providence brought up from the Preparative meeting for their last Luncheon Meeting to be altered from the 2nd to the 3rd hour, being Approved by this Meeting It is Altered Accordingly. The Alteration to continue till the Quarterly meeting in the 10th month next.

Agreeable to a paragraph, in our Discipline page 51. Our friends Benjamin Smith, Benjamin Arnold, Daniel Anthony, Moses Brown, Elisha Sturte, Elisha Bowen Jr, Reuben Blancher, Joseph Tarnum, are appointed to have the care of burials, and afford the assistance therein Recommended — to whom friends are desired to apply in these Cases.

The Committee in the case of Thomas Harris made Report. But as it does not afford this meeting sufficient Clearness to proceed to judgment thereon said case is referred under the care of the same friends.

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to the monthly Meeting in the 8th mo. They then to Report or sooner if necessary —

The Committee in the Case of Elisha Bowen report that they have paid Attention to that matter and think it may be best to be continued till the 8th month accordingly it is refer: under this Case they then to report.

The matter Refer: last Respecting friend Lanning into Trade & Business, is again Refer: to next monthly meeting. —

An Act. to the Quarterly meeting was read up approved of and Signed by the Clerk —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence

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7 mo

the 26th of 7th mo — 1786. The meeting being convened. The Representatives from the Preparative meetg are Elisha Bowen Junr & Jeromiah Harris who being called are both present —

A Certificate from Greenwich monthly Meetg Dated the 5th of the 6th month last in behalf of Charles Comstock, who hath removed within the Verge of this Meeting — was read and Accepted —

Samuel Hills Junr who requested the care of friends at last preparative Meeting appearing in this meetg and still Requesting the same. Our friends Joseph Randall, Thomas Arnold, Reuben Blancher, & Jeromiah Harris are appointed to enquire into his life & Conversation and take a solid Opportunity with him and Report their sense of the Suitableness of his being Accepted a member, to our next monthly meeting —

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7 Month.

The Womens meeting Inform that they have visited Sarah Steere wife of Elish, and are about to receive her a member of our Society, of which this meeting Approves.

The Womens meeting also Inform that they are about to Disown Rhoda Mowry (wife of Thomas) and the Complaint ^{& Report} being read up this meeting Approves of the Womens conduct therein.

The Committee in the Case of Joshua Cook, mention that they have visited him, and desire the Reporting of their sense may be defer'd till next monthly meeting, Accordingly it is refer'd till that time, They then to Report.

The matter Respecting Trade & Business Refer'd from last month is concluded to be drop'd at present.

The Representatives to last Quarter Report that they attended according to Appointment (unless one friend the last day of the Quarterly Meeting prevented by sickness) and produced the papers therefrom.

This meeting being Informed (by the Preparative Meeting) that a Highway is likely to be laid thro' friends Meeting house Lot in Scituate, Whereupon David Steere & Joseph Farnum are appointed to attend the Comtee of the Town Council for laying said way. & if it appears necessary for the publick that a highway be laid through said

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7^m

Lot to be sent to the same in behalf of this meeting
Upon Reasonable Terms; and if the same be laid
throug so as to divide Friends Lot, that they Endea-
vour to agree with the Owners of the Land Adjoining
to Exchange the piece cut off by said way so as to
lay Friends Lot as convenient as may be & together
with the Other Trustees of said Lot to make & Execute
Sufficient Writings of Conveyance of such part as
may be Exchanged and to receive a Conveyance of
that for which it is Exchanged in the Name of
the said Trustees in behalf of this Meeting & to report
to this Meeting when the same is Accomplished.

Receipts from Upbridge Monthly meetg
dated 26th of 3rd m: last Recommending Council Peter
(Wife of Aa) to the care of this meeting, sent in by
the Womens Meeting was read and Accepted.

The Epistle from last Quarterly meeting was
read to Satisfaction. The Recommendation of
£6¹²..0 therein mentioned for Yearly & Quarterly meetg
use - and also the further sum of £6. used by this
meeting belonging to the Yearly meeting School,
both sums amounting to £12¹²..0 are desired to be
Subscribed and raised by our next Preparative meetg
and sent up to the monthly meeting.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting held
at Newport was read to Satisfaction.

The reading of the other Transcripts from
the Quarterly meeting is referd to next
Monthly Meeting.

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8 m^o

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field for Providence the 30th of the 8 m^o 1786.

The meeting being Conven. the Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are Thomas
Arnold & Joseph Bapett, both present.

The Committee in the Care of Samuel
Hills Jun^r. Request not being fully ready to report,
They are desired to Attend to that matter & Re-
port to next monthly meeting.

This meeting Received a few lines from
Creek Monthly Meeting in Ninepartners Respect-
ing Elisha Jenckins which is directed to be recorded
And is as follows—

From our Creek Monthly Meeting of
friends held in Ninepartners the 18th of 2nd mo 1786.

Whereas Elisha Jenckins a Member of our
Society, through Inattention to the Divine Princi-
ple plac^d in his Bosom which could have
Preserv^d him in Innocency, has so far turn^d his
Back thereon as to widely Deviate from that
Plainness of dress and Address which the truth
leads its followers into; And as he has been tenderly
Labour^d with, and waited upon in hope of an Amend-
ment; without the desired Effect; we therefore for the
Clearing of truth and the Profession we make, are
under the Necessity, and now do Testify Against his
said misconduct and hereby Disown him from being
any longer a Member of our Society until
he shall Condemn the same to the Satisfaction

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8th Month.

Satisfaction of this Meeting.

Signed in and by Direction of S^d Meeting

By Charles Coleman Clerk

This being the present Needful we Conclude in
Love your Friends — Charles Coleman.

Jethro Coleman.

The Committee in the Case of Joshua Earle, mention
that they have had an Opportunity with him and would
be glad to have another before they Report if the Monthly
Meeting thought well of it, Thereupon that matter
is again Refer'd accordingly and the Committee to
Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the matter of the Highway, propos'd
to be laid through the Meeting house Lot at Situate
Mention, that they have attended to that matter, but
not fully Accomplish'd the same, they are Continued
for said Service, and to Report to next monthly Meetg.

This meeting is Inform'd that the Preparative
meeting hath begun a Subscription as Desired last month
but not completed the same, therefore the preparative
meeting is still Desired to Complete the Subscription
and send an Act. to next monthly Meeting.

The Transcript of Epistle from the Yearly meeting
on Long Island held at Westbury 2^d of the 5th mo. 1786.
to the first of the 6th mo. Inclusive — was read to Satisfaction,
The other transcripts were mislaid, & not present, the
Reading of which are us'd to next M^{ly} Meetg.

The Committee in the Case of Elisha Bowen
Report that they have further laboured with him, and
think he is not in a state of mind to make Satisfaction
for.

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8 m^o For the transgressions complained of Thereupon
this meeting Denies Unity with him, and puts him
from under the care of our Society as a Member un-
till he shall make Satisfaction for his outgoings.
And David Steer and Joseph Farnum are Appoint-
ed to inform him of his Denial and Right of
Appeal, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial &
bring to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Harris
not being ready to Report, they are Desired to Report
to our Meeting in next month.

Our Ancient Friend Robert Willis Atten-
ded this meeting on a Religious Visit, whose Labours of
Love Among us hath been to our Satisfaction
And Comfort.

1706
9 m^o At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 27th of the 9th month 1706.

The meeting being convened the Representatives
from the Preparative meeting are Moses Brown
and Nathaniel Walker both present.

The Clerk of this meeting having served ^{his} time
for which he was appointed, Our friends John
Holden, Oziel Wilkinson, David Steer, Daniel Anthony
Reuben Blancher, Joseph Farnum, are appointed a
Committee to take the matter in consideration and pro-
pose a friend to serve as Clerk to next monthly Meeting.

Through the absence of some of the Com^{tee}
in the Case of Samuel Hilly Jrⁿ they are not
ready to Report therefor they are Continued with

1786 Joseph Tarnum Benjamin Smith added to them for that
9 monthth Service, and Report to our meeting in next month

The Committee in the case of Joshua Earle Report
that they have had another Opportunity and labour with
him, and that his Transgressions appear so heinous
that in his present Disposition he is not liable to make
Satisfaction, nor give Sufficient Encouragement to
wait longer on him, Therefore this meeting Dis-
owns Unity with him and hereby puts him from un-
der the care of our Society as a member, untill he
shall make Satisfaction for the Transgressions complain-
ed of - And Smith Brown and Joseph Congdon jun^r
are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right
of Appeal, and draw a Testimony of his Denial and Re-
port to our Meeting in next month

The Committee Respecting the Highway at
Scituate not having fully completed the Appoint-
ment, They are Continued to accomplish the same,
and Report when finished.

The preparative meeting not having fully com-
pleted the Subscription as Desired. A. Meeting is still
Requested to complete the same - And send an ac-
t to our Meeting in next month - And our Treasurer
is directed to send a Re^l to the Quarterly meet^g
Treasurer, as Requested by the Epistle from last
Quarter.

The Remaining Transcripts from the Quarterly
Meeting were read to good Satisfaction

The Appointed Report that they have In-
form^d Elisha Bowen as Directed - But for want of
getting a Copy of the Denial from the Clerk they

1706 Have not drawn the Testimony. Thereupon they
9 m^c are still continued for that service and Report to
next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the case of Thomas Harris
report that they have paid some Attention to that
Case and think it well for him to be waited longer.
The same is referred accordingly under the Com^{tee}
case and they to Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries and Answers from the prepara-
tive meeting were read as also an Account to the
Quarterly Meeting which were approved of and sign^d
by the Clerk.

And the Representatives therein Named are Joseph
Farmum, Oziel Wilkinson, Benjamin Arnold, who
are directed to Report to next monthly Meeting.

The Womens meeting with the concurrence of
this, having Visited Mary Smith Daughter of Rufus,
and this Meeting feeling a freedom to appoint a
Committee to accompany the Womens Com^{tee}
in giving her the Information as also in a
Visit to the family on this trying Occasion,
whereupon Joseph Congdon, Thomas Arnold,
Oziel Wilkinson, Moses Brown are appointed
for that service and Report to next monthly
Meeting.

1706
10 m^c A Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field for Providence 25 of 10 m^c 1706

The meeting being convened the Representa-
tives from the Preparative meeting are Joseph
Bassett and Joseph Congdon just both present.

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Our Friend John Townsend, attended this meeting on a Religious Visit, his Certificate from a monthly meeting held at Devonshire House in London the 3rd of the 4th month 1785. with a Concurring one from a Quarterly meeting held also at Devonshire House the 11th of the same month — As also a Certificate from the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 14th of the 5th month 1785 were read to Satisfaction.

The Representatives Report that they attended the Quarterly meeting according to Appointment & produced the Epistle therefrom which was read to Satisfaction — And the particular matters there in Recommended to the care of the monthly meeting is Refer'd to the consideration of our next monthly Meeting —

This meeting Reciev'd a Copy of a Minute from the Quarterly meeting, Informing that there remains £62.6 yet unpaid towards the building the meeting house at Bedford.

And desired the monthly meetings to contribute in freedom for that purpose — Therefore it is Recommended to the preparative meeting to subscribe Accordingly and send up to our next monthly meeting

The friends to nominate a Clerk mention, that they are not fully ready to Report — Therefore they are desired to report to our meeting in next month.

The friends appointed Report that they Inform'd Joshua Earle according to appointment, and a Testimony of his Denial being read and

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10th mo And approved of and signed by the Clerk—
Joseph Congdon is appointed to read the same
at the close of a meeting at Providence and
also procure him a Copy of his Denial & Report
to next monthly meeting.

The Preparative meeting not having yet fulfilled the Subscription as desired, they are directed to fulfill the same and send an Acc^t. to our meeting in next month.

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Harris not being ready to Report, that matter is again referred, the Comtee to Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee Continued Reported a Testimony of Elisha Bowen's Denial, which was read and after some Alterations Approved of and signed by the Clerk, and Joseph Congdon is desired to read the same at friends meeting at Providence & Scituate & Report to our meeting in next month.

Two of the friends appointed to Accompany the Women in a visit to Mary Smith Reported that they Attended according to Appointment. The other friends being Necessarily Detained from Attending at that time.

Our Treasurer Reported that he sent up the Sum of \$6⁰⁰ 19⁰⁰ to the Quarterly meeting, Treasurer as Directed last month.

The Comtee in the Case of Samuel Hilly Jun^r Report, that all but one have Attended to the Appointment and think well the same be Referred, Accordingly it is Referred under the Comtee's care they to report to our next meeting—

1786
11th mo

(Appointed Thomas Lapham Clerk)
At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence the
29th of the 11th mo 1786 — The meeting being convened
The Representatives from the Preparative meeting are
Smith Brown and Elisha Stew both present

The committee appointed to nominate a Clerk
Report, that they have Unanimously agreed on Thomas
Lapham, and that he consents to serve the Meeting
the Year ensuing which report is accepted and
Thomas Lapham is appointed Clerk

The Committee in the Case of Samuel Hilly
Jun^r Reported, and the Meeting after conferring on
the Subject thought best to continue that that
matter under the Committee care till next
monthly Meetg. And it is continued accordingly
They then to Report —

The Proposal from the Preparative meeting
respecting holding the Preparative meeting at Providence
part of the time, being read up, Our friends Elisha
Stew, Augustus Lapham, Oliver Bowen Jun^r, Joseph
Congdon, Daniel Anthony, Reuben Blancher, Rufus
Smith, Samuel Hilly, are appointed to unite
with the Womens Committee and take the same
under Consideration, and Report to next mth meetg
what they may think best to be done in that
matter. —

The matter from the Quarterly meetg Respecting
Wills was read up in this meeting whereupon the
Committee heretofore appointed to stir up and
assist friends in that respect are Desired to make

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11th mo. further Enquiry and Report to next monthly meetg.

Joseph Congdon Reports that by reason of his being abroad, he has not fulfilled the appointment Respecting Joshua Earle, Therefore he is Desired to fulfil the same & Report to our meetg in next month.

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Horis not being ready to Report, they are Desired to report to next monthly Meeting.

Joseph Congdon Reports that he has not read the Testimony of Elisha Bowen Deniel - Therefore he is Continued for 3 Service and to report to our meeting in next month.

This meeting is inform. that the preparative meeting & completed the Subscription that was referd for several month's past, but have not quite collected all the Money, therefore said Meeting is Desired to Collect the same and send the money to next mo. Meeting.

1786
12th mo. At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 27th of the 12th 1786.

The meeting being convened the Representatives from the Preparative meeting are Amasa Gray and Samuel Hills both present - The Committee in the Case of Samuel Hills just - not having had further opportunity with

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12th mo. him by reason of the great fall of Snow - They are
Continued for that Service and to report to next monthly
Meeting -

The Committee to Consider of the proposal respecting the
Preparative meeting, not being ready to report They are
desired to attend to that matter & Report to next
monthly meeting -

Several friends of the Committee Respecting making
Wills Report, that some Enquiry hath been made and it
appears there is some neglect Among Friends in that Respect
Therefore the Committee is Continued to assist where Ne-
cessary and Report to next monthly Meeting -

The Women's Meeting presented an Acknowledgment
from Ruth Hopkins, with an Information that they
had treated with her, and were Satisfied to accept
the same and Restore her into membership again,
which meeting the Approbation of this meeting She is
restored Accordingly -

Joseph Congdon Reports, that he hath read the
Testimonies of Joshua Corlies Denial, as also the Testimo-
ny of Elisha Bourns Denial at Providence, but that respect-
ing Elisha hath not been read at Scituate - Therefore
he is continued to read the same at Scituate, and
report to next monthly meeting -

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Harris
not being ready to report, They are Desired to report to
our Meeting in next month -

No Account from the preparative meeting
Respecting collecting the money Subscribed at
mentioned last month said Meeting is Desired to
call

706 Call upon Friends to pay their Subscriptions &
send an Account to next Mth meeting—
The following Act. was sent to the Quarterly
meeting (viz)

We received your Epistle of the last Quarter
which was read in our Meeting to Satisfaction, The
matter of Spirituous Liquors is under notice and
a Reexamination in Respect to Wills recommended
to the Committee, We have Rec^d. Answer to the
Queries by our Rep^s Meeting which being read up with
the Queries in this Meeting and Examined, they
are forwarded by our Representatives who are
Amasa Gray, Reuben Blancher, & Rufus Smith,
to which we refer you for the present State of
our Meeting— We also Rec^d. the Copy of a
Minute of the last Quarterly Meeting Recom-
mending a Subscription to make up the defi-
ciency in paying for building Bedford Meet-
ing House, which was Read up in this meeting,
but no further Subscription has yet been
made—

Sign^d in and by order of our Q. meet^g
by Thomas Lapham.

707 A Monthly Meeting held at
Fth M^o Providence the 2th of the 1st M^o— 1707

The Meeting being mett the Representa-
tives from Preparative meeting are Elisha
New and James Comstock both present,

1787
1st mo. The committee in the Case of Samuel Hilly just-Reported
that they have further treated with him, and think it
may be safe to accept him a member of our Society,
which meeting the Approbation of this, and also the
Women's meeting he is accepted Accordingly.

The Committee in Respect to Dividing the Prepara-
-ative Meeting, Reported, which being read up is referred
to next monthly meeting for Consideration.

Thomas Greene and Wm Campbell appeared
in this Meeting and declared their Intentions of ta-
king each other in marriage, whereupon Thomas
Arnold and Smith Brown are Appointed to
inquire into his Character in that Respect and
Report to next monthly meeting.

It appears that the Committee have made
some progress in the Appointment Respecting
Wills — They ^{are} still continued to have the Care of
that matter and Report to next monthly
Meeting.

Joseph Congdon mentions that the Testimony
of Elisha Bowen's Denial, hath not been read at Secon-
-date as Directed, Therefore he is Continued to see the
same Accomplished & Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Thomas Harris,
not being ready to Report, They are Directed
to attend to that matter and Report to
next monthly meeting.

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1st m^o The Subscription mention^d. last month not
being all collected, the Preparative meeting is
still Desir'd to call upon friends that have
not paid, and send an Acct. to next m^oly
meeting —

The Representatives to last Quarter inform
that they attended the Quarterly meeting ac-
cording to Appointment, and that there was
no Epistle sent down at this time.

The preparative meeting informing that
M^r Hooper hath much neglected the At-
tendance of our Religious meetings for Wor-
ship and Discipline, also in Associating with
vain and loose Company for which he hath
been Labour^d with, and of late hath removed a
long distance, without the knowledge of many of
our Friends — Whereupon Daniel Anthony,
John Holden, and David Anthony are Appointed
to enquire further into the Circumstances of that
matter, and Report to next month^{ly} meeting
what they think necessary, for the Clearing of
Friends Testimony —

It appearing to this meeting that there
are friends who are deficient in giving in
an Account of Births and Deaths, our friends
Benjamin Smith, Smith Brown, Joseph
Harnum, & Elisha Bowen Jun^r. are Desir'd to make
Inquiry and call upon such friends & send an Acct. to next m^oly
meeting —

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2^m
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A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence the 21st of the 2^d mo. 1787

The meeting be convened The Representatives from
the Preparative Meeting are Aza Arnold & Oziel
Wilkinson both present

The Report respecting dividing the Preparative meeting
is again refer'd to the Consideration of our Meeting in next
Month.

The Committee Report, that they have made Inquiry
and find nothing to hinder Thomas Greene and Wate
Cornlock succeeding in marriage as proposed last
month, and then appeared in this Meeting and Read
their Answer in order for marriage, Our friends John Golden
Moses Brown and Thomas Topham are appointed
to see the same Consummated and Report to next
Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Wills report,
by which it appears there are some friends not
yet provided with them, Therefore the Committee
are Continued to endeavour to get that matter Completed
and report to next monthly Meeting

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Harris
Report as follows

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at
Smithfield for Providence the 21st of the 2^d mo. 1787

We the Committee appointed in the Case of Thomas
Harris Report, that we have again visited him on ac-
count of his misconduct Complain'd of to the Month-
ly Meeting. And according to our Sense he is not
in a Capacity to make Satisfaction, nor do we

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2^m perceive that he is gaining in a Religious sense,
yet he being still desirous that Friends would
wait longer on him, we gave Encouragement
that we would inform the monthly meetg.
thereof, which we submit to the monthly
Meeting—

Trans. in behalf of the Committee
by John Battey—

Situate 10 of 2^m 1707—

In Consideration of his said request that matter
is continued for 2. months when the said Com^{tee}
is desired to lay the case again before this meeting.

Joseph Congdon informs that the Testimony
of Elisha Bowers denial has been read as Directed

The Representatives from the Preparative
Meeting inform that the Subscription mentioned
last month is completed—

The Committee in the Case of Aja Hoacic
Report as follows—

According to Appointment we have made
Inquiry respecting Aja Hoacic, and are
informed that he for some time past hath
Associated with unprofitable Company, and
we have reason to believe (from Information)
that some of his Conduct therein hath been very
Disreputable, and that he hath Abandoned himself,
and it appears that he endeavoured to keep
the previous knowledge thereof from Friends,
we likewise understand that he has gone to a

1787 Considerable Distance, but we are not able to learn what
2^m place he intended to settle at, Therefore we think it
best for friends to Disown Unity with him as a Member

Daniel Anthony.

John Holden.

Providence 10th of 2^d. 1787.

David Anthony.

The same is refer'd to the Consideration of next m^{thly}
Meeting —

The Committee to stir up Friends to send in Accounts
of Births and Deaths report, that they have made some pro-
gress therein, but there are some deficiencies yet, Therefore
they are Continued for this service and to report to next
Monthly Meeting —

The preparative Meeting Informing that David
Sapham hath Departed from the good and wholesome
rules Established by Friends, as appears by a paper from
the Overseer, Whereupon Samuel Hilly, Elisha Steen &
Joseph Congdon are Appointed to Inquire into the
Circumstances of the Case and Report to next monthly
Meeting what appears necessary for this meeting to
do for the Clearing of Truths Testimony therein —

1787 At a Monthly Meeting held at
3^m Providence 20th of the 3^m 1787 —

The meeting being Conven'd The Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are Elisha Steen
and Benjamin Arnold both present —

The Report respecting the Preparative meetg
not being to the Satisfaction of friends it is a
gain refer'd to the Consideration of next m^{thly} meetg —

1707
1st m^o.

Moses Brown and John Holden Report, that they attended the Marriage of Thomas Greene with Wate Comstock, and that it was Solemniz^d as far as they knew to satisfaction.

The Committee respecting Wills report, by which it appears there are some friends yet deficient, Therefore the Com^{tee} is desired to continue their care therein and Report to next monthly meetg.

The report respecting Mr Hoxey, being read up and laying the same before the women's meetg. It was approved of, and he put from under the care of friends as a Member, untill he shall make satisfaction for his misconduct and the Clerk is desired to Inform him of his Denial if Opportunity offers.

It appears that friends have not all sent in the Accounts of Births and Deaths - Therefore the Committee is desired to continue their care therein and Report to next monthly meetg.

The Committee in the Case of David Lopham having paid some Attention to the Appointment but not being ready to report, they are desired to report to our Meeting in next month.

Joseph Congdon Jun^r. Inform^d this meetg that he had thoughts of moving to South Kingstⁿ monthly Meeting and desires a Certificate.

Thereupon John Holden and Jonathan Arnold and Benjamin Smith, are appointed to Inspect the Circumstances and Report to our Meeting in next month.

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3^m.

Caleb Greene Inform^d this meeting that his son
Thomas proposes to move to Smithfield monthly
monthly and Desires a Certificate, our friends, Don.
Anthony and Smith Brown are appointed to
make the Necessary Inquiry and report to our
Meeting in next Month.

The Queries and Answers were read in this
meeting. and the following Account to the Quor-
terly meeting approved of (viz).—

1787 At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
4th mo: for Providence the 25th of the 4th mo: 1787
The Representatives from the Preparative
Meeting are Benjamin Smith & Daniel
Anthony both present
The Clerk being absent Daniel Anthony
is appointed Clerk for this time
The matter respecting the Preparative meeting
is again refer'd to next monthly meeting for
further Consideration
The Committee respecting Wills not being pre
sent to report, that matter is refer'd under their care,
they to report to next monthly meeting
One of the Committee in the Case of Births
Deaths &c. Report, that, that matter is not fully
completed they are continued for that service
to report to next monthly meeting
The Committee in the Case of David
Lapham Report as follows viz. —
We the Committee Appointed to Inquire
into the Circumstances of the Case respect
ing David Lapham report, that we have
attended to the matter, and find upon in
-quing that said David hath departed from
the good and wholesome Rules established by
Friends as inform'd by the Overseers in Accom
-panying with Women not of our Society,
and being guilty of the shameful sin of

1787
4th mo.

Uncharity, and also in going off from these
ports without the Approbation or Knowledge of
his Father or Friends — And it is ^{our} Sense and
Judgement that, for the Clearing of Truth, the
monthly meeting give forth a Testimony
Against his misconduct, and a Denial of
him as a Member untill he shall be enabled
to make Satisfaction by Repentance and
Amendment of Life — all which is sub-
mitted to the Monthly Meeting by

Samuel Hills.

Elisha Steere.

Joseph Congdon.

The same being laid before the Womens meeting
they approving thereof, he is therefore put from
under the Care of this Meeting as a Member,
untill he shall make Satisfaction for his
misconduct — And Joseph Congdon Sam^l
Hills, and Ozil Wilkinson are appointed to in-
form him of his Denial and Right of Appeal
and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and
Report to next monthly meeting —

The Womens meeting inform, that they
are about accept Mary Sheldon a Member
of our Society of which this Meeting approves.

1787
4^m The Committee in the Case of Joseph
Canodon junr Report, that they find nothing
to hinder his having a Certificate to South
- Kingston Monthly Meeting & desired, this
Meeting accordingly gave the following
Certificate which was signed by the Clerk
viz —

A Certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting
dated 2^d. 4^m 1787. Recommending Hannah
Anthony to Care of this meeting, was read
and Accepted —

The Committee in the Case of Thos.
Greene's request for a Certificate of remo-
-val to Smithfield Monthly Meeting, re-
ported one in behalf of Thomas and his
Wife, which was approved of and signed by
the Men and Women's Clerks, and is as
follows Viz —

1787 The matter respecting Thomas Harris coming be
4th mo. fore this Meeting, and several friends expressing
their minds on the Subject, It appeared to this meeting
that there was not sufficient Encouragement to wait
longer on him, Therefore he is put from under
the Care of this ^{meeting}, as a Member untill he shall
make friends Satisfaction — And Joseph
Congdon, and John Holden are appointed to in
form him of his Denial and Right of Appeal &
Draw a Testimony of his Denial and report to next
Monthly Meeting

The Representatives informed in behalf of the
Preparative Meeting that Charles Cornstock hath
so far departed from that Moral Conduct & Honesty
prescribed by us that he hath Voluntarily attended
as a witness to support a Person in making
a tender to deprive another Person of his just
due, whereupon Joseph Farnum, Smith Brown,
Joseph Congdon, and Jeremiah Harris are
appointed to inspect into the Circumstances rela
ting to that matter, and to labour with him for
his recovery and report to next monthly meeting

One of the Representatives reported that they
attended the Quarterly Meeting according
to Appointment

1787
5^m A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 30th of the 5^m: 1787

The meeting being convened the
Representatives from the Preparative meeting are
Thomas Arnold and Rufus Smith, both Present,

The matter respecting the Preparative
meeting, is again refer'd to the consideration of
next monthly Meeting

The Committee respecting Wills having
nearly completed that matter, except a
few Instances, they are continued to extend their
further care and Report to next monthly
meeting

The Committee to collect Act of Births &
Deaths not having fully completed their Ap-
pointment they are continued for that Service
and report to next monthly Meeting

The Committee Reported a Testimony of David
Sapham Deniel, which is Refer'd to next m^{thly}
Meeting, on Account of the Womens meeting
having broken up

The Committee respecting Thomas Harris
not having fulfilled the Appointment, they are
continued for that Service, and Report to our
meeting in next month

Three of the Committee in the Case of

1707 5 m^o Charles Comstock, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he gave encouragement of attending this meeting, but he not attending, the Com^{tee} are continued to fulfil the appointment & Report to our meeting in next month

This meeting Recd. a paper of Acknowledgment from Artemus Fish which being read our friends Thomas Lapham, Joseph Farnum, Joseph Randall, and Smith Brown are appointed to Inquire into the Circumstances mentioned in said Paper and meet with him upon the Subject and Report their Sense thereof to next Monthly Meeting

1707 6 m^o

At a Monthly Meeting held for Providence at Smithfield the 27th of the 6 m^o 1707

The meeting being convened the Representatives from the Preparative are Jeremiah Wilkinson, not present, Rufus Smith Present.

A Certificate from Swanzy m^oly meeting Dated 4th of this present month Recommending to the care of this meetg. Mosey Davis, wife Elizabeth and Children, namely, Job, James, Thomas, Sarah, Abigail, and Abraham, was read & Accepted

1787 The diamon presented a Report of their Comtee
U M^{rs} in favour of Phoebe Knoll (wife of Luke) being ac-
cepted a Member of Society which meeting the Ap-
probation of this meeting she is accepted Ac-
cordingly — The matter respecting dividing the
Preparative meeting being opened and the
meeting not being clear to determine the case at
this time, the same is referd to the Consideration
of the monthly meeting in the 8th next

^{this} This meeting Recd a Certificate from Smithfield
Monthly meeting dated 31st last month Recommen-
ding Anna Russell to the Care of this meeting.

The Committee respecting wills, are still
continued, to extend their further care in the few
Instances remaining and report to our Meeting in next
month —

The Committee to Collect Accounts of
Births and Deaths, are continued to complete
the Appointment and Report to next Mth
meeting —

The Testimony of David Laphorn's de-
nial having been laid before the women's meeting
and meeting their Approbation, as well as of this
Meeting It is Approved of Accordingly & Signed
by Amasa Gray Assistant Clerk —

The Committee in the Case of Thomas Harris
Reported that they have fulfilled the Appointment
And the Testimony of his denial being after same

1797 Alteration approved of by the Mens and Womens meetings was
6 m^o Sign^d by the Clerks.

The Committee in the Case of Charles Earnstock, not
having had an Opportunity with him by reason of his not
meeting them as concluded on, Therefore they are
still continued for said Service and report to next m^o
meeting — — —

The Committee in the Case of Artemus Fish, not
having had an Opportunity with him by reason of his
being disappointed as we are Inform^d in meeting them
as agreed on, Therefore they are continued for said Service
And report to our meeting in next month.

The Answers to the Queries from the Preparative
meeting were read, and after some alterations
Approved of, & ordered to be transcribed and sent with
the Account to the Quarterly Meeting, which was read
and approved of, and Sign^d by the Clerk — and the
Representatives therein mentioned are Benjamin
Smith, Joseph Bapett and Augustus Lapham.

Rec^d an Extract from our last Year's Meeting
Recommending to the notice of Friends Ebenezer
Pope a friend in Boston who suffered by having
his House burnt in the late fire, Friends are
desired to contribute in freedom, and send to
John Holden, in Providence, who is desired to
Inform next month's Meeting the sum
Raised — — —

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7^{mo}
A Monthly meeting held at
Providence the 23th of the 7th mo 1707 — The
Representatives the Preparative meeting are Joseph
Randall and Joseph Anthony both present —
A Certificate from Greenwich monthly
meeting Dated 2^d of 7^{mo}. 1707. Recommending to
the Care of this meeting Thomas Hazard, and
wife Anna, And three Daughters, Sarah Eli-
zabeth and Anna —

Also a Certificate from South Kingdon
monthly meeting Dated 25th of last month Recom-
mending Aaron Rathbun an Infant placed to live
with a friend in our Monthly Meeting, was read
and Accepted — Said Certificate also Recommen-
ding Joshua Rathbun a young Man that
lives with Thomas Hazard, as an apprentice,
the same was read and Accepted —

Read An Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting
and transcripts of Epistles from the last Yearly
meeting of Rhode Island, London, & Long Island,
all which were read to Satisfaction. The Phi-
ladelphia transcript not having yet come to
hand —

The Advice Recommended to, in the Book
of Discipline by Rhode Island Yearly Meeting ^{Epistle}
concerning Spirituous Liquors, were read up and
several friends weightily Expressing their Concern
therein and unity therewith, The same is min-
-istered to be read up next Monthly meeting that

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It may continue under the notice of Friends

The Committee respecting Wills not having completed^{ed} the same are desired to accomplish their Appointment and Report to our meeting in the 9th mo next

The Committee to collect an Act of Births & Deaths not having completed the same are desired to fulfil the Appointment and Report to next m^{thly} Meeting

The Warrum meeting Informing that they propose Disowning Thebe Potter (Daughter of Ezra) If this meeting concurs therewith, & the case being read up, this meeting Approves thereof

The Overseers Inform that Ezra Potter Jun^r hath widely deviated from Friends Testimony in very much neglecting to attend our Religious meetings, & in associating with vain and rude Company, also using profane Language and common Compliments of the world, for which he hath been labour^d with without the desired Effect since upon Caleb Greene, Oziel Welkenson, Benjamin Smith, and John Holden are Appointed to take an Opportunity with him concerning the matters Complain^d of, & make report of their Sense what is best to be done in the Case to our Next monthly meeting

Ezra Potter sent an Acknowledgement to this meeting condemning some misconduct that he had fell into the same is committed to the Above Committee they to inspect

17th The matter and Report to next monthly
7th meeting, what they think best to be
done in that matter. — Said Com^{tee}
is desired to consider of the Propriety of contin-
uing the Meeting at Ezra Potters, and Report
their Sense to next monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Charles Lamborn
not having had so full an opportunity as wish-
for, Therefore they are Continued to have fur-
ther opportunity with him and report to
next monthly Meeting.

The Day being for spent the Com^{tee}
in the case of Artemus Fish, are desired to re-
port to next monthly Meeting.

John Holden Reports that there hath
been but very little handed in to him for
Ebenezer Pope, he is continued for to receive
further Subscriptions as friends may find
Freedom. Report to next mtg or meeting.

The Epistle from the Quarterly meeting
Desiring this meeting to raise the sum
of £5.10 for the use of the Yearly and
Quarterly Meeting, Friends are desired at
next Preparative Meeting to raise said Sum
and send up to the monthly Meeting.

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D. M^e

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence the 29th of the 8th mo 1707

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting
are Joseph Basset and John Holden who being cal-
led are both present — The Transcript of the Rhode
Island Epistle was Rec^d and Read up in this
Meeting to Satisfaction —

The Matter concerning Spirituous Liquors
Ref^d to this meeting, was read up and weightily con-
sidered, and Friends are desired to enter into a
Labour in their own minds, for a right Con-
science thereunto —

The women Inform that they have concluded to ac-
cept Rachel Harris (Daughter of David & Abigail Harris,
A Member of our Society if this meeting approve there-
of, which meeting our Approbation She is accep-
ted Accordingly —

The Women also laid a Testimony of Phoebe
Potter denied before this meeting which is ap-
proved of —

The Committee in the Case of Birthis do not
having fully got through with that matter, are
Continued and to report to next month's meeting

The Committee in the Case of Ezra Potter
Just Report as follows —

We a Committee appointed in the Case of
Ezra Potter Just Report that we have had an op-
portunity with him Respecting the Matters Con-

1787 Complain^t of give it as our Opinion that he
D^m is not in a suitable Disposition of mind to make
Satisfaction for his outgoings nor do we think it
best for the Meeting to wait longer on him,
all which we submit to the meeting

29. Dec^r 1787. — Oziel Wilkinson
Caleb Greene
John Holden
Benjamin Smith

Which is accepted and after having the Approbation of the
warning meeting, he is here by put from under the
care of friends as a member, untill he shall make Sa
tisfaction for his misconduct, And John Holden
and Jonathan Arnold are appointed to Inform
him of his denial and Right of appeal; and draw a Tes
timony of his denial, and report to next monthly
meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Ezra Potters Ac
knowledgement reported which is refer^d to the confi
deration of next monthly Meeting.

Said Committee also report that they have con
sulted with friends of Separate meeting concerning
some alterations in holding that meeting, And think
there can no Alteration be made for the better at
present.

The Committee in the Case of Charles Comstock
reported, which is refer^d to the Consideration of next
Monthly Meeting.

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The Committee in the Case of Artemus Fish are Continued to make a written report to next Monthly Meeting.

John Holden is continued to receive further Subscriptions for Ebenezer Pope, and send an Act to next Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Congdon returned the Testimony of Joshua Carle's denial which hath been read according to direction.

Timothy Greene and Lucy Wilkinson appeared in this Meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage & were desired to come to next m. ly Meeting for an answer, our friends Amos Gray and Smith Brown are desired to inquire into his Clearness in that respect and make report to next M. ly Meeting.

Jonathan Congdon inform'd this meeting by way of the Preparative meeting that he Desires a Certificate to Smithfield Monthly Meeting in order to proceed in Marriage with Elisabeth Arnold. A member of that meeting whereupon John Holden, Augustus Lapham are Appointed to inquire into his Clearness Amongus in that respect, and Report to our Meeting in next Month.

George Harris inform'd this meeting by way of the Preparative meeting that he desired a Certificate in order to proceed in marriage with Ruth Burden a Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, our friends Benjamin Smith and Thomas Lapham are desired to Inquire into his Clearness and Report a Certificate if clear to our meeting in next month.

John Bragg desires a Certificate of Removal to ^{Hingham} Saratoga Monthly Meeting, Our Joseph Congdon And

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8th mo And Thomas Arnold are desired to make the
Necessary Inquiry and if Clear, to report a Certificate
to our Meeting in next Month.

Joseph Bapsett is desired to procure the Testimony of
Thomas Harris's denial read at Friends meetings at
Scituate and Providence and make return to next mo^{ly} Mtg.

The Preparative meeting Inform that they have en-
tered into a Subscription as desired last month, & raised
£2..10..10, and continued said Subscription to the
next Preparative Meeting.

The matter of Dividing the Preparative ^{meeting} is again refer-
red to next Monthly Meeting.

An Acknowledgement from Nicholas Easton was
read up in this Meeting, and our Friends Elisha Steere,
Oziel Wilkinson, Joseph Congdon are desired to meet
with Nicholas, and report to our meeting in next
Month what they may think best to be done in that
Case.

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9th mo At a Monthly Meeting held at
Providence 2^d of 9th mo. 1787.

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative
Meeting, are Caleb Egnone and Augustus Lapham,
who being called are both present.

Read the Printed London Epistle of this
present year, which was read up to good Satisfaction.

The Committee in the Case of Birthe &c. having
nearly completed that matter, They are continued
for said Service and to report to our meeting in next
Month.

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9.m² It being mentioned in this meeting for a Reappointment, & Over-
Wharupon Amasa Gray, Elisha Rice, Augustus Lapham,
Rufus Smith, Benjamin Smith, and Elisha Bowen Junr.
And John Holden are added to them & they to be our Overseers
for the Year ensuing —

John Holden and Jonathan Arnold Report that they have
informed Ezra Potter Junr. according to appointment and Presented
a Testimony of his denial, which was read, Approved of and Signed
by the Clerk —

The Report used, from last month to this, concerning
Ezra Potters acknowledgment was read up, considered and
Accepted after being laid before the womens Meeting —

The Committee in the Case of Timothy Greene Report
that they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage
with Lucy Wilkinson as proposed last month, and they appeared
in this Meeting Rec. their Answer in order for marriage
and Thomas Lapham, Benjamin Arnold are ap-
pointed to see the Same Consummated according to the
good order of friends, and report to our Meeting in next
Month —

The answers to the Queries from the Preparative meeting
were read up Approved of and directed to be sent forward with an ac-
count to the Quarterly Meeting which was drawn up, Approved
of and Signed by the Clerk, the Representatives mentioned
in the Account, are Asa Arnold, Daniel Anthony, and
Moses Brown, —

Agreeable to the Direction of the Yearly Meeting our
friends Thomas Lapham, & Moses Brown are appointed to enter
in the Books of Discipline the Alterations of holding Sa-
lem Quarterly meeting as Directed in the Gristle from
our last Quarter. —

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9^m The report Respecting Charles Cornstock is again refer'd
to next monthly Meeting, by the request of some friends.

The Committee in the Case of Artemus Fish not having
prepared a written Report as directed last month they
are desired to report that matter to our meeting in
next month.

The Committee Report that they don't find but
that Jonathan Congdon is Clear of Marriage En-
gagements among us, Accordingly this Meeting granted a
Certificate Directed to Smithfield Monthly Meeting Sig-
nifying the same - And his Consent of Parents and
Right of Membership, which was Sign'd by the Clerk,
John Holden reports that there are further
Subscriptions for our friend Ebenezer Pope been
made since last month, Thereupon he is still continued
for said Service, and to forward what is and what may be
given to the said friend in Boston and Report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Report that they have made Inquiring
and don't find but that George Harris is Clear of Marriage en-
gagements among us, Accordingly this Meeting gave a Certi-
ficate to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Signifying his
Right of Membership & Consent of parents which was
Signed by the Clerk.

The warrens Meeting laid an Acknowledgment from
Levrick Potter before this meeting for our approbation,
which is approved of Accordingly & her misconduct pass'd
by.

The Preparative meeting is Desired to send an
Account of the Subscription mentioned last month, to
our Meeting in next Month.

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9.m^o

The matter of the Report respecting the Divisions of the Preparative meeting is again Refer. to our meeting in next month.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Nicholas Easton not having fulfilled the Appointment, they are Continued for said Service And Report, to our meeting in next month.

Joseph Baggett reports that the Testimony of Thomas Harris's denial hath been read at Scituate, but not at Providence, he is continued to fulfil the Appointment. & report to our meeting in next Month.

1787
10.m^o

A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence the 24 of the 10th m^o 1787

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting, are Thomas Arnold and Samuel Hills who being called are both present.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting Report, that they attended according to Appointment and also delivered the Epistle from said Quarter which was Read to Satisfaction.

The Committee in the Case of Births & Deaths, not yet having Completed that matter the same is Continued And to be reported to our Meeting in next month.

The friends Appointed Report, that they attended the Marriage of Timothy Greene and that it was Con^{sum}mated in an Orderly Manner.

The Report Respecting Charles Comstock being read up and banished by this meeting, is accepted, the purport of said Report is, that his State of mind was such that there is very little prospect of his making Satisfaction for his misconduct.

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10th m^o Upon this Meeting, with with the Approbation
of the women meeting Denier unity with him, and
herby puts him from under the care of our
Society as a member untill he shall make Sot's
faction for his misconduct. Complaints of, and
Smith Brown and Oziel Wilkinson are Appointed
to Inform him of his Denial and Right of Appeal,
and draw a Testimony of his denial and Report to
our meeting in next Month.

Two of the Committee in the Case of Artemus
Fish Report which is accepted and is as follows,

^{bro of}
We the Committee in the Case of Artemus
Fish having had several Opportunities with
him, are of Opinion that it is best to accept of his Ac-
knowledgment, we have also Inquired into Circumstan-
ces of his Affairs, and find he is dispos^d to settle them as
far as the times, and his Abilities will
admit, which we hope he will be enabled
to do to Satisfaction.

Daniel Anthony.
Thomas Ar-
nold.

Oziel Wilkinson.
John Holman.
Smith Brown.
Joseph Randall.

Whereupon Daniel Anthony, & Thomas Ar-
nold are Appointed to prepare a Certificate
of Removal to Greenwich Monthly Meeting, And
Report to next Monthly Meeting.

1787 John Holden reports that he hath forwarded the Cashport
to m^o. of the Subscription for Ebenezer Pope which was
£2. 14. 11½ Also that there is 2000 Shingle Nails
handed in which he proposes to forward the first
Opportunity

The Report respecting the Division of the preparative
Meeting being read up and Considered, which meeting the
approbation of this as also of the Womens Meeting, It is ap-
proved of accordingly and is as follows, (viz.)

According to appointment we have met and Considered
of the matter respecting the Preparative meeting, and are
of Opinion (every Circumstance considered) that it
may be best to Divide the preparative meetings into two
meetings, one to be held at Smithfield the other at Providence
the which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Amey Harris.
Lydia Brown.
Abigail Arnold.

Joseph Congdon.
Daniel Anthony.
Reuben Blanchard.
Rufus Smith.
Elihu Bowen Jun^r
Samuel Hoile.
Augustus Lapham.
Elisha Steen.

24th 1st month 1787

Whereupon this meeting sets off Providence meeting
for worship, and also that at Scituate, to be a preparative
meeting Distinct from that held at Smithfield, the
members of them two meetings are hereby directed to meet
at Providence on the 5th day of the week, before the last
5th day in every month, and transact the Business
of a Preparative Meeting, and send accounts up
to this meeting accordingly

A Copy Extracted
From the Minutes by Thomas Lapham Clerk

1707
#10 m^o

The Committee in the case of Nicholas Easton not being ready to report the same is continued, & the Committee Report to our meeting in next month.

Joseph Basset reports the Testimony of Thos. Harris's denial hath been read according to Appointment

The preparative meeting informing by a paper from the Overseers that Edward Dexter hath deviated from the Discipline of Friends, in frequently neglecting the Attendance of our meetings for Worship and Discipline also in the use of the common fashions and complements of the world, in Speech, behaviour, & Apparel, for which he hath been laboured with for his recovery, and there is but little if any prospect of his taking the Advice of Friends, whereupon Samuel Skille, Joseph Basset, Joseph Condon, are appointed to further labour with him for his Restoration, and Report to our meeting in next month

The preparative meeting Informing by a paper from the Overseers, that Jonathan Lapham hath so far Departed from the principles of Friends, as to altogether neglect attending our meetings for Business, hath been concerned in a Lottery and in playing Cards, for which he hath been laboured with by his friends without the desired Effect, whereupon Caleb Greene, David Anthony, John Holden, Reuben Blonson, are appointed to further labour with him, for his restoration & report to our meeting in next month.

The preparative Meeting inform, that they have Subscribed & Paid to the Treasurer £7.14.0. &c. all the other business of this meeting is referred to our meeting in next month.

1787 At A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
11 m^o the 28th. 11 m^o 1787. — The Representatives from the Pre-
parative Meetings are — from Smithfield Joseph Farnum
and Jeremiah Wilkenson, from Providence John
Holden, and Smith Brown — All Present.

The Clerk being absent Daniel Anthony is Appo-
-inted Clerk for the Day.

Our Friend Levi Hoag attended this Meeting &
produced a Certificate from the Creek Monthly Meeting
in the Nine Partners New York Government, held 19 & 20 of
11 month, 1787 expressive of their Unity with his Visit
to these parts, and that he is an Approved Minister, which
was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

Shewin our friend Paul Hoag attended this Meeting
and produced a Copy of a Minute, from the Creek Monthly
Meeting held 16 of 11 m^o 1787, Expressing their Unity
with his Accompanying our said friend Levi Hoag
on his Visit and that he is an Elder in Esteem A-
mongst them, the same was read in this Meeting to
Satisfaction.

The Friends Appointed to Enter in the Books of
Discipline the Alteration in holding Salem Quarterly
Meeting &c, Report, that that matter is not finished,
they are Continued to Complete the same & Report
to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in Case of Births & Deaths not
having Completed that matter, they are Continued to
Complete the same and report to our Meeting in
next month.

The Com^{tee} to inform Charles Conystock

1787 of his denial &c. not having fulfilled their Ap-
pointment, they are continued for that Service
and report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in Case of Edward Dexter re-
port, they have paid him a Visit, and they are
continued to have the care of that matter & report
to next Monthly Meeting

The Friends Appointed in the Case of Jonathan
Lapham report as follows

We a Committee appointed to take an Oppor-
tunity with Jonathan Lapham respecting the
Matters Complain'd of, Report, that we have taken
an Opportunity with him, and according to our Abil-
ity endeavoured to show him and convince him
of the Impropriety of his misconduct and Reclaim
him, but with Sorrow we have to Remark, that
he appear'd to us to be in a Thoughtless Depressed State
of mind, and insensible of his Condition nor do
we see any Encouragement for Friends to wait
longer on him, all which we submit to the Meeting.

Valde Greene.
Reuben Blancher.
John Holden
David Anthony.

Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him & puts him
from under our Care as a Member, Hy Arnold & Moses
Brown, are Appointed to inform him of his Denial and
Right of Appeal & Draw a Testimony of his denial and
Report to next Monthly Meeting

1787
11th Me^o The Friends to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Artemus Fisher, pre-
sented one which is lodged for Consideration.

A Certificate of Removal from Greenwich Monthly Meeting
dated 5th of the 11th month 1787. Recommending Susannah Howse
to the Care of this Meeting, was read and Accepted.

The Committee in the Case of Nicholas Easton report that
they think best to Accept his Acknowledgment, the same is Ac-
cepted Accordingly and his misconduct pass'd by.

The Preparative Meeting Inform'd that Jeremy Comstock
proposed to lay his intentions of marriage with Sarah Greene
before this meeting, and they appeared in this Meeting &
declared their said intention was refer'd to next Mtg
Meeting for an Answer. Consent of Parents was likewise
manifested in this Meeting. Moses Brown & Augustus
Lapham, are appointed to. Inquire into his cleanness res-
pecting Marriage & Report, to next monthly Meeting.

An Account Current of Expenses for keeping the Poor
of this and Smithfield Monthly Meeting was presented
whereupon It appears that there is 11 Ballance Due from
this to Smithfield Meeting of £18. 6. 0. And there being
Several other Demands against this Meeting, therefore It
is recommended to the Preparative Meeting to Subscribe
in freedom and raise the Sum of £30. And deliver
the Same to the Treasurer and report to this Mtg.
in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield for Providence the 26. 12. m. 1787

The Representatives Appointed by the Pre-
parative Meetings are Timothy Greene & Joseph Tar-
nam for Smithfield, Joseph Randall & Daniel

1787 Anthony for Providence, who being called
12 m^o are ~~all~~ present ~

The Clerk of this meeting being Absent by
reason of sickness and having heretofore Requested;
and this day renewing it, to be Excused from fur-
ther Service in that Capacity, Thomas Arnold
is Appointed Clerk for this time, And our friends
Bryd Wilkinan, Daniel Anthony, Thomas Arnold,
Are Appointed to take that matter under Consi-
deration & propose A Friend Heyman think
Suitable for that Place to our next Monthly
Meeting. Our Friend Joseph Delaplain on
A Religious Visit to friends in these parts Atten-
ded this meeting, and produced A Certificate from
A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Flushing
on Long Island the 1st day of 11 m^o 1787 which
was read to good Satisfaction ~

The women's meeting informing that they
have agreed to accept Esther Peere Daughter of
Elisha Peere A member of our Society of this Meetg
has no Objection, No Objection appearing it is
left for the women to proceed as way seems ~

The Committee to Complete the Records of Births
& Deaths &c, not having fully Completed that matter
It is refer'd to next monthly Meeting when they are
desired to report ~

The Com^{tee} to Inform Charles Campstock of his
Right of Appeal Report, They have informed him

Thereof and produced a Testimony of his Denial which was read & Appearing to need some Alterations, the Committee is Desired to make such Alterations as appears necessary and Bring the same to next monthly Meeting.

The friends Appointed to Enter in the Books of Discipline the Alteration of holding Salem Quarter, report that it is Entered in one Book the others not having come to hand, they are Desired to finish that matter and Report to next monthly Meeting.

This meeting Recd. Copy of a Minute of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting setting forth their Approbation of Job Shorman's Relinquishing Office with in the Vigor of this meeting in the Business of keeping Schools which was read to good Satisfaction.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Edward Dexter made report which being taken into Consideration, it is referred under the Care of said Com^{tee} untill next monthly Meeting.

The friends Appointed in the Case of Jonathan Lapham Report they have Informed him of his denial & Right of Appeal & Produced a Testimony of his denial which is referred to next m^{thly} Meeting.

The Committee in Case of Henry Cornsack and Sarah Greene, Report, that they find nothing to hinder their proceeding in Marriage. According to the good order of Friends, and they appear in this Meeting and Received their Answer accordingly, and Joseph Congdon & Augustus Lapham are Appointed to see the same (or Summated and deliver a Certificate thereof to be Recorded, and Report to Next monthly Meeting.

Providence Preparative Meeting Inform they have Subscribed Eleven pounds Nine Shillings, for the Monthly Meeting, up.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform that George Harris requests a Certificate of Removal to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Augustus Lapham & Rufus Smith are appointed to make the necessary Enquiry and Produce a Certificate, if they find nothing to hinder and Bring to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries and Answers thereto from the Preparative

Meetings have been read in this Meeting, and general Answers
Composed & returned and forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
by Our Representatives who are Augustus Lapham, David
Stear, Oziel Wilkinson

1788
Jan^o

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence the 30th of Jan^o 1788

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetings,
as for Smithfield, Jeremiah Harris & Asa Arnold, for
Providence, James Comstock and Joseph Randall who
being called are all present

Thomas Arnold is again appointed Clerk for this
time, the Committee not having named one, which they
are desirous to do to next monthly meeting

The Committee in the Case of Births, Deaths &c. not having
accomplished the Records in the whole they are continued to make
Report in the Jan^o Meeting

The Cont^o to whom was used, the Testimony of Denial
of Charles Comstock, for Amendment laid it before this
meeting, which is approved & signed by the Clerk, & Joseph
Congdon is appointed to read the same at the City of a
publick Meeting in this place, and Report to Next m^oly
Meeting

The Friends appointed to enter the Alterations relating
to the Quarterly Meeting in the Books of Discipline not
having yet entered the same in them all, it is referred to
next monthly Meeting in order to accomplish the same

Several of the ^{two} ~~points~~ in the Case of Edward G. extra being ab-
sent that matter is referred to next monthly Meeting

The Testimony of Jonathan Lapham, Com^o was
read wth Confidence, and approved & signed by the
Clerk

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The Committee to see the marriages of Henry Comstock & Sarah Greene consummated, Reported they attended the same and that it appeared to be conducted Orderly.

The Comtee Appointed to Enquire into George Harris's Claims in Respect to a Certificate of Removal not being present that matter is referred to Next monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative meeting Informing that Stephen Smith Proposed to lay his Intention of marriage with Rhoda Harris before this meeting, & they appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intentions Accordingly. Where ^{on} Elisha Steere & Nya Arnold are Appointed to Enquire into his Cleaness in Respect to Marriage and Report to next m^{thly} Meeting.

Providence Preparative Meeting Informing that Stephen Clark who has a Right of Membership in Society hath Neglected the Attendance of our Meetings, and is in the common Fashions and Customs of the World in Dress &c. Whereupon the Overseers are desired to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of his becoming a Member of this Meeting, and to take an Opportunity with him if so be had and Report to our Next Monthly Meeting.

The Case of Thomas Fish's Certificate coming under consideration and some friends expressing that they were not Easy that it should go forward at this time, Whereupon Joseph Randall, Smith Brown, John Holden, Daniel Anthony, Elisha Steere, and Benjamin Smith, are Appointed to Confer with the Said friends and Consider of the Matter which Occasions the Labour in their Minds and Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Recd. the Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting the Reading Whereof is Referred to Next Monthly Meeting. Two of the Representatives Report that they all attended the Quarterly meeting according to Appointment.

1780
2nd M^c

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith
field for Providence the 2nd M^c 1780

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative
meetings are for Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Benjamin
Smith, for Providence Amasa Gray & Henry
Russell all present

The Committee to consider of and propose a
Friend, for a Clerk of this meeting not being present
Amasa Gray is Appointed Clerk for this Day.
And said Committee continued and desired to report to
Next Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Condon not having read the Testimony
of Charles Comstock's denial, he is continued for said
service, and to report to our Meeting in Next Month.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting
was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction.

The Committee appointed to make the Entries in the
Books of Discipline Reporting to them Quarterly Meetings,
not being present, they are continued and to report
to Next Monthly Meeting.

The women's meeting Inform they have Ac-
cepted Sylvie Steere a Member of our Society
of which they Meeting Approves.

The Friends Appointed in the Case of Edward Dooler
not being fully ready to report, they are continued, and
desired to attend to that matter, and report to our Meeting
in Next Month.

The Com^{tee} to prepare Certificates of Removal
for George Harris presented one which after being
considered is Approved and Signed by the Clerk.

The Friends appointed to Enquire into the Clearness of
Stephen Smith in respect to marriage engagements,

Report, that they find nothing to hinder his proceeding with Rhoda Harris as proposed, and they appearing in this Meeting & continuing their Intention of marriage are allowed to proceed, they keeping to the Order of Truth therein, and Elisha Steere and Azar Arnold are appointed to see their Marriage consummated & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The matter respecting Stephen Clark is referred under the care of the Overseers, they to attend to the matter and to report to our meeting in next Month.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Artemas Fish have attended to that case yet not ready to report, they are desired to Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative meeting Inform that they have Collected £3..10..3⁴ and continued their Subscription.

The Clerk of this Meeting being confined, the Indisposition of Body and to Appearances not likely to move this Meeting soon, if ever, in that Capacity, Whereupon our Friends Augustus Lapham and Samuel Hills are Appointed to take care of ^{the} Books and Papers in his hands and deliver the same to the Clerk that may be Appointed in this Meeting.

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3^d mo

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 26th of the 3^d mo 1788.

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings are for Smithfield Jeremiah Harris, & Reuben Smith, for Providence John Holden and Reuben Blanchard who being called are all present.

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6th mo

The Committee appointed to consider of, propose a Friend to serve as Clerk to this Meeting, not being ready to propose one, Thomas Arnold is appointed to serve at this time, and said Com^{tee} is desired to attend to that Matter and Report to next Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Congdon Reports that he has read the Testimony of Charles Campbell's Denial as directed.

Joseph Brown Reports that the holding of Salem Quarterly Meeting is Entered in the Books of Discipline as directed by the Yearly Meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Edward Dexter Report that they remain of the Same Opinion as by them Reported in the 12th mo last, that he appears determined to pursue his present manner of life, and that further Labour with him does not appear likely to be of any Use — Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him, and puts him from under their Care as a Member, and Joseph Congdon & Smith Brown are appointed to Inform him of his denial and Right of Appeal, and to read a Testimony of his denial and Bring to next Monthly Meeting.

The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Stephen Smith and Rhoda Harris Report that they attended the same and that it was Conducted Orderly. — One of the Overseers inform that they have taken some Care of the Case of Stephen Clarke refused to them by last monthly meeting But have not Rec^d. any further Information. But it now appearing to the Satisfaction of this Meeting that he was Recommended to Smithfield Monthly meeting with his Mother, that he has been moved

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3^d m^c

of his time since Absent At Sea — And that his conduct & Department is such that Any further Labour with him will not be to any Useful purpose — This meeting therefore hereby disowns him and puts him from Under their Care as a Member —

The Committee in the Case of Limes Fish Report that they have had Conference with the Friends or directed but the Meeting not being fully Satisfied to proceed to a Conclusion — That matter is again Referred to our next Monthly Meeting —

Two women Inform that they ^{have} concluded to disown

Sarah Comstock wife of Henry, if this Meeting have no Objection; this meeting having no Objection they were Inform^d accordingly — The Overseers by directions of the Preparative Meeting also Informing that they have had An Opportunity with Henry In respect to his wife's having a Child shortly after they were Married and that Henry did not exculpate himself from an Equal share with his wife, in the Reproachful Conduct complain^d of Whereupon this Meeting Disowns Unity with him and puts him from Under their Care as a member —

Job Sherman who has Resided within this Monthly Meeting the winter past with a Certificate from Rhode Island; Inform^d this meeting that he is About to return Whereupon Augustus Lapham and Aba Arnold are desired to make Enquiry and if they find nothing to hinder prepare an Indorsement for said Certificate setting forth his Orderly Conduct while Among us and Bring to Next monthly Meeting —

This Meeting Rec^d a Certificate of Removal from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in behalf

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3rd m^o

of George Almy who has come to Reside within the
 term of this Monthly Meeting, Setting forth that
 he is a Member of Our Society and a Steady At-
 tender of Meetings - Which is Accepted

Mrs Brown Joseph Langdon and David Steere
 are appointed to join the Women Com^{tee} and Pre-
 pare a Testimony of Denial in the Case of Henry
 Comstock and Wife and Bring to the Adjourn-
 ment, or to next Monthly Meeting as way
 opens

This Meeting Adjourns to tomorrow morning
 at the 9th hour

27th day Met by Adjournment - The Repre-
 sentatives all present except Reuben Blanchard
 who gave a satisfactory reason Yesterday why he
 could not attend to day

The Queries and Answers that came from the Pre-
 parative Meeting were read and general answers
 approved of which are directed to be carried to the
 Quarterly Meeting by Augustus Lapham
 Jonathan Arnold and Caleb Greene who are
 appointed our Representatives

Mrs Davis informed this meeting that his
 son Job Davis had thoughts of removing within
 the verge of the Creek Monthly Meeting in New
 Portnow, whereupon this Meeting Appoints John
 Holden and Smith Brown to make Enquiry into
 Motive and Circumstances of his Removing and report
 to next Monthly Meeting

This meeting being informed that Mr
 & Potter proposes to remove within the verge of

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Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, And desire Certificate; whereupon Elisha Howe and By Arnold are Appointed to Enquire into his motives and Cleaness, And Report a Certificate if they find nothing to hinder to Next Monthly Meeting.

Friends from Scituate Meeting Informing that one place of holding of the same is become inconvenient and is necessary to be removed, whereupon Joseph Bassel Augustus Saphorn, Joseph Randal, John Holden are Appointed to take an Opportunity to Confer with Friends of that meeting upon that Subject and Report the Most Suitable Place in their view of holding the same to our Next Monthly Meeting.

The School Committee proposing to this meeting to Recommend the Oldest son of Walter Walker to the Yearly Meeting's School as one of the Poor of the first Class — Of which this meeting Approves, if Agreeable to Uxbridge Mth Meeting — from which Walter came, he having gained no settlement here. Nathaniel Walker is desired to lay a Copy of this Minute, together with the Minute of the School Committee before said Meeting for their Approbation.

It appearing that during the Sickness of our late Clerk our Records are somewhat behind, And it appearing now necessary that some Friend have Charge of the ^{Papers &} business of a Clerk — Thomas Arnold is Appointed Clerk of this Meeting for the Year Ensuing — The Com^{tee} continued Yesterday for a Nomination of a Friend to that service is dismissed.

1788
14th mo

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 23rd of the 4th mo 1788

The Representatives appointed by Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Elisha Sturges & Benjamin Smith, Providence, Joseph Randall & Moses Davis, who being called are all present

A Certificate granted by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in behalf of Enoch Paddock Dye, son of Daniel Dye and Martha his wife, who is put to ^{the} sentence within the verge of this meeting was produced and accepted

The Friends appointed to Inform Edward Dexter of his denial, Report they have Informed him, but have not brought a Testimony of this denial, they are therefore desirous to bring it to next monthly Meeting.

In the case of Artemas Fish Refr from last monthly Meeting, One of the Committee inform, that some matters have come to the knowledge of said Comtee, which in their judgment renders it necessary to be again Refr. it is therefore continued to our Next monthly Meeting

The Friends appointed to Enquire into Job Sherburne's Department while here and prepare an Indorsement to the Minute he Brought produced one which was approved of & Indorsed upon the Minute he Brought

The Friends appointed to Enquire into the Removal of Job Davis's Removal to the Creek Monthly Meeting Nine Partners Reported a Certificate of Removal in his behalf as follows "Dear Friends, We being Informed that Job Davis is about to Remove within the verge of your Monthly Meeting, and Requested our Certificate, There an therefore to Certify that he is a Member of our Meeting, and as such we Recommend him to your watchful care & Oversight, he having left

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4th m^c

his Affairs to Satisfaction, and appearing Signs of Marriage Engagement
Among us, there being the present needful we conclude your
friends and Brethren

Which was approved of & Sign. by the Elders
The Comtee in the Case of Ezra Potters Removal Inform they
have been to the Place of his late Residence, but that he had removed,
and they are not yet able to report fully. — They are therefore contin-
ued to fulfil their Appointment and Report to next Monthly
meeting —

The Comtee in the Case of the removal of Sittates Meeting
Report as follows — "We your Committee appointed to confer
with Friends of Sittates Meeting respecting the Inconvenience
of holding the same at Ezra Potters Report, that we have at-
tended to that matter, and think it will be best to remove the first
day Meeting from Ezra's to Elisha Dowers junr. for the present
and the week day meeting continued there as heretofore, untill
some more convenient place appears for holding the
same which is accepted, the Meeting to be held accordingly.

The Comtee is continued for 3 Months then then to make
further Report. —

The Comtee Appointed to join a Committee of
Women to prepare an Essay of an Exhortation of Denial in
the Case of Henry Comstock and Wife Reported an Essay which
After some Alterations was approved of and is as follows —

From our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence the 23^d of the 4th m^c. of 00 —

It appearing that Henry Comstock and Sarah his Wife
have been so Inattentive to the Fear of the Lord which pre-
serves from Evil, as to join with and partake of the Tempt-
ation to Unchastity and afterwards Keeping private their
real Situation in consequence thereof, till after their
Marriage Amongst us which in a short time, not
exceeding three Months, after, Appeared by their having

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4^{me} A Child born to the great Reproach of Truth &
Friends. It is therefore incumbent on us to
manifest our Disapprobation of Such Disreputable Con-
duct, so Sorrowfully Affecting to the Cause of Truth, their
Parents and Friends, by declaring our Disunity with
them as Members of our Religious Society; Nevertheless
they having been treated with respect to their misconduct
and appearing to be under Condemnation thereof, It is our
sincere desire that Judgment may be brought forth unto Victory
and by the Merciful Visitation of Pardonning Grace They
may be enabled to manifest that they have, through the
Redeeming love of Christ, found a Place of Repentance
Unto life.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
by — Thomas Arnold Clerk.
Migail Arnold Clerk.

And Joseph Congdon is appointed to read the same at
the Close of a Publick Meeting in Providence and
Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

It appears by a Minute from Uxbridge Monthly
Meeting that they Approve of Recommending Abra-
ham Walker Eldest son of Walter Walker to the Yearly
Meeting's School as one of the poor of the last Class.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting
Inform that they all attended Except Augustus
Lapham, who did not attend by reason of sickness
in his family.

1780
5 m^e

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence,
the 20th of the 5th mo. 1780. The Representatives Appointed by
The Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Rufus Smith and
David Steer, from Providence Reuben Blanchard & Jonathan
Congdon, who are all present —

The Committee Appointed to prepare a Testimony of
Denial of Edward Dexter, presented one which was approved of
and signed by the Clerk. —

One of the Com^{tee} in the case of Artemas Fish reports that the matter
mentioned at last monthly Meeting still renders it necessary
in the judgment of those of the Com^{tee} present for that matter
to be continued, it is therefore referred to Next Monthly
Meeting. —

The Committee in the case of Aja Potters Removal
Report, that they have paid some attention to the service but are
not able fully to report, whereupon that Matter is referred to
next Monthly Meeting they then to report. —

Joseph Congdon Reports that he has read the Testimony
of denial of Henry Cornlock & wife agreeable to appointment
and the Com^{tee} are desired to Inform them of their denial & Right of
Appeal. —

The Alteration of the first-day Afternoon Meeting
at Providence Proposed by the Preparative Meeting is
Agreed to, and it is concluded for said Meeting to gather
at the 3rd hour Afternoon until the first of the
9th month next. — m^{ly}

Providence Preparative Informs that John Alverton
requested at a former Preparative Meeting, to come under
the care of Friends But he not appearing here at this
time the further Consideration thereof is refer^d to our
Next Monthly Meeting. —

1780 — At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
6 m^o - for Providence the 25th of the 6th 1780 —

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Samuel Hills & Jeremiah
Harris, from Providence Daniel Anthony & Moses Davis
who are all present —

The Queries with Answers thereto from the Preparative
Meetings were read in this Meeting and general answers composed
therefrom approved of and ordered to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
by Moses Brown Joseph Randall Jeremiah Harris & Elisha Sturtevant
who are appointed representatives to the next quarterly meeting.

Smithfield preparative Meeting informs that Nathaniel
Walker Request a Certificate to Woburn Monthly Meeting
certifying his Cleanness in order to marriage with Martha
Aldrich Daughter of Stephen, and he having received an int^y
of Parents, Augustus & Ephraim & Samuel Hills are appointed
to enquire into his Cleanness in that respect and Report a
Certificate to our Next Monthly Meeting if they find nothing
to hinder. —

A Friend informing that John Brown son of Asa Brown is
gone in order to give an apprenticeship with him Pembroke M^oly
Meeting, it being necessary that he have a Certificate set-
tling forth his Right of Membership among Friends, Smith
Brown & Daniel Anthony are appointed to make
the necessary Enquiry and Report a Certificate to our
Next Monthly Meeting if they find nothing to
hinder. —

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that
Samuel Hill Jun^r proposed laying his Intention of
marriage with Olive & Ephraim before this Meeting &
they appearing in this Meeting & Declaring their Intention ac-
cordingly Benjamin Smith & Elisha Sturtevant are appointed to
enquire into his Cleanness in that respect & Report to our

1780 Next Monthly Meeting

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The Clerk having omitted to bring the Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting & no Friends being able to Recollect any Business liable to suffer so as to make it appear best to adjourn the Meeting, all the Business unfinished contained in said Minutes is refer'd to our Next monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer of this Meeting is Desired to pay the Remainder of this meeting's Donation to the Yearly meeting's School to the Treasurer of said School as soon as may be conveniently done and Report to this meeting when paid.

This Meeting Rec^d a Certificate of Removal from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in behalf of Thomas Greene his Wife Wait, and Daughter Army, which is Accepted.

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7^{mo}

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 30th of the 7^{mo} 1780.

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Elisha Steen & Samuel Arnold. Providence Reuben Blanchard & Thomas Hayyard, all present.

John Alverson who requested at a Preparative Meeting held at Providence some time since to be received under the Care of Friends, appeared in this Meeting & manifested a Continuation of his request. Whereupon He is Brown Cyril Wilkiman, & Elisha Steen are Appointed to take a serious Opportunity with him in respect to the motive of his request & the Suitableness of his being Rec^d a Member of our Society, & make report to our Next monthly Meeting.

The Care of Titomas Fitch's Certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting coming under Consideration & nothing Conclusive being Reported by the Comtee at this time

1700 They are desired once more to take that Matter into weighty Consideration & Report their sense & Judgment whether the way is now Open for a Certificate to be forwarded in his behalf, & if so to make such Alterations in the one here to you prepared, as they may Judge Necessary, if any, and Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee in the Case of Asa Potters request for a Certificate of Removal Inform that some progress has been Made in adjusting his Affairs But way is not yet fully Open for granting a Certificate, they are therefore Continued for said service & to report to our Next monthly Meeting

The Representatives Appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into Nathaniel Walker's Cleanness in Respect to marriage Engagements produced Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting setting forth his Cleanness of Marriage Engagements among us & that he had Consent of Parents to proceed in Marriage with Martha Aldrich a Member of that Monthly Meeting, which was approved of & signed by the Clerk.

The Friends Appointed last meeting produced Certificate in behalf of John Brown son of Ezek Directed to Pembroke Monthly Meeting setting forth his Right of Membership among Friends & that he was gone to serve an Apprenticeship within the verge of that meeting which was approved of & Signed by Clerk

The Comtee in the Case of Samuel Hills Junior Report, that they have attended to the Appointment

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7.^m We find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage with Olive Lap-
ham according to the good order of Friends, and they appeared in this
Meeting & Rec. their answer accordingly, Benjamin Smith, &
Moses Brown are appointed to attend their Marriage and Report
to Next Monthly Meeting.

This meeting Rec. a Certificate from Swaney Monthly
meeting in behalf of Preserved Davis son of Moses Davis
setting forth his Right of Membership among Friends that
he had removed to live within this Meeting which was
Accepted.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that Joseph Basset
request a Certificate in order to Marriage with Rachel Aldrich
daughter of Joseph directed to Upbridge Monthly Meeting he
having produced Consent of his Parents, Whereupon David Thore
& Joseph Aspinwall are appointed to Enquire into his Claims
of Marriage Engagements among us & to produce a Certificate
to Next Monthly Meeting in his behalf if they find
nothing to hinder.

This Meeting Rec. the Epistle of last quarterly
Meeting together with a Transcript of the Epistle & Extracts of the
Minutes of last Yearly Meeting. & the Transcript of the London
Epistle of last year which was ^{all} read to Satisfaction—Also
Rec. Transcripts of the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting
held in Philadelphia & Westbury on Long Island which
are refer. to Next Monthly Meeting. The Consideration
of the Extracts, which, part of Thomas Greene & Thomas
Arnold are desired to enter in the Books of Discipline
according to the Direction of the Yearly Meeting &
Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

It appearing by Accounts from the Quarterly Meeting
that this Monthly Meeting, Proportion of the Yearly and

Quarterly Meetings Stock is six pounds one Shilling & 4.

Vir.) The Yearly L 3⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰ 5 Quarterly L 2⁰⁰ 16⁰⁰ 11. To which
the Preparative Meetings are desired to Contribute in
freedom and send an Acc^t to Next Monthly Meeting.

1788
8th Mo

A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence the 2^d of the 8th mo 1788

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield Samuel Hoile & Benjamin Arnold,
from Providence Joseph Congdon & Elisha Bowen Jr.
Who are all present.

The Committee in Case of John Morrison Report,
that they have had an Opportunity with him to pretty good
Satisfaction, he appearing to be under a religious Engagement of
mind. Nevertheless, before to this meeting referring it one Month
his Case is accordingly referred to our Next Monthly Meeting
under the Care of the same Committee they then to
Report.

The Committee in the Case of W^m Collier's request
for a Certificate Report they have paid Attention to that
Service since last Monthly Meeting, And, far as they have
discovered he appears to them to have settled his Affairs
in such manner as that it may be safe to grant
him a Certificate, but they not having prepared One
they are desired to do it and Bring to Next Monthly
Meeting.

Some of the Comtee In Charge of the Case of
Abner Shish's Request for a Certificate Report that
they with other Friends have had an Opportunity
with him, and that his Affairs are so far settled as
that no Objection appears to his having a Certi-
ficate and produced one as follows.

To the Monthly meeting of East Greenwich—Dear Friends
Our Friend Artemas Fish having removed within the Cage
of your meeting and Requested our Certificate, and the Necessary
Enquiry having been Made and It Appearing his outward
Affairs are so settled that no person Objects to his having
A Certificate, we hereby Certify on his behalf, that he is a Member
of our Society, and as such we Recommend ^{him} to your Christian
Care, Desiring his welfare and preservation in the Truth,
Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field for Providence the 27th of the 2^d mo— 1790—
by Thomas Arnold Clerk.

The Committee appointed to Attend the Marriage of Sam.
Hills Jun^r Report that they Attended & that it Appeared to
them it was Conducted Orderly & that his Certificate is de-
livered in order to be Recorded—

The Comtee in the Case of Joseph Bassett Report they
have Made the Necessary Enquiry & find nothing to hinder
his having a Certificate as required, and one being produced is
Approved of and Signed by the Clerk—

The Friends Appointed Report that the Extracts of the
Yearly Meeting's Minutes are Entered in two of the books
of Discipline According to Appointment. The other books
not having been handed in they are desired to Enter them
in the Other.—

A State of the Case of Agnes Richards a poor Friend
being laid before this Meeting by a Comtee from Smith
field Monthly Meeting, desiring the Advice & Assistance
of this Meeting therein, by Which It Appears she is
now supported by & at the expense of Salem Monthly Meetg.
who apprehend she ought not to be supported at their
Expense, whereupon Augustus Lapham, David Steere
and Thomas Arnold are Appointed to take the Said
Case into Consideration & Report what Appears to them

1700 Necessary and Right for this Monthly Meeting to do in
O m^e The Care.

The Transcripts of the Epistles from the Yearly
Meeting, of Philadelphia and Westbury and Long Island
were read to good Satisfaction.

The day being pretty far spent the Consideration of
the Extracts is again referred to our next Monthly Meetg.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform they
have subscribed three pounds & eight pence for the
Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, & that, and Providence
Inform they have begun a Subscription which
they are desirous to finish.

1700 A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Provi-
dence the 24th of the 9^m 1700

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative
Meetings are for Smithfield Rufus Smith & Cyril
Wilkinson for Providence Caleb Greene & Jonathan
Arnold. Who are all present except Rufus Smith.

The Preparative Meetings inform that they
have raised and sent up the sum of three pounds
& eight pence each for the quarterly & Yearly Meetg's
Stock, which makes up the sum agreed to be raised
by this Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of John Abner
-son's request Report, that they have had an Oppor-
-tunities with him since last monthly Meeting to
pretty good Satisfaction and think well that
he be Recd. A Member of our Society. And
he is Recd. Accordingly.

The Comt. to produce a Certificate of Removal
in behalf of M^{rs} Potter and wife, Produced one which
being Approved of & signed by the Clerk is as follows.

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9m.

To the Monthly Meeting of Mrbridge. Dear Friends the
Potter having Removed to you some time past, with his wife
Eunice, And requested a Certificate, we therefore hereby certify
that they are members of this Monthly Meeting: that he
has settled his outward Affairs by Agreement for the present as
far as appears, And Recommend them to your Christian care
with desires for their Establishment and Growth in the Truth.
Signed in and on behalf our Monthly Meeting held at Pro-
vidence the 24th of the 9m. 1700

By Thomas Arnold Clerk.

The Extracts of the Yearly Meetings Minutes upon the Subject of Spi-
rituous Liquors being Under Consideration of this Meeting, our
Friends Oziel Wilkinson, Caleb Greene, David Steen, David
Anthony, Ruben Blanchard are appointed to take the same
into Consideration and Make Enquiry if there be any
belonging to this Meeting in the practice therein mentioned
and to afford such Labour, Advice & Assistance as Occasion
May require and as Way Opens for, & Make Report In
Three months or sooner if Necessary.

The Friends Appointed Report that the Extracts of the
Yearly Minutes are Entered in all the books of Discipline
According to Appointment.

The Committee Appointed to Consider of the Case of Agnes
Richards, Report, that they think it best for this meeting
to appoint some Friends to meet with the Friends Appoint-
ed by the Other Monthly Meetings to Consider of that mat-
ter and to agree to a settlement thereof by Arbitration or
otherwise in behalf of this Meeting. Whereupon David
Steen, Augustus Lapham, & Jonathan Arnold are Appoint-
ed for that purpose & to make report when Accomplished.
This Meeting Rec. Answer to the queries from the Preparative Meetings and
Answers composed therefrom were agreed to & forward to the Quarterly Meeting by the Re-
presentatives, Elisha Steen, Samuel Hills, & Benjamin Arnold.

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10 AM. A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for
Providence the 29th of the 10^m mo. The Representatives
from the Preparative Meeting are, from Smithfield
Joseph Tarnum, & Jeremiah Wilkenson, from Provi-
dence Elisha Bowen Junr. & Smith Brown, who are
all present.

Reuben Smith one of the Representatives to last Month-
ly Meeting who did not attend informed this Meetg
that he was sick at that time, which reason is satis-
-factory to this meeting.

This Meeting Recd. a Certificate of Removal from
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in behalf of Job Scott his
Wife Eunice, and Children Cybil, Lydia, Sarah, Mary,
& James, which is accepted.

One of the Representatives Appointed to attend the
Quarterly Meeting informs that they all attended.

This meeting being informed by Way of Providence
Preparative Meeting that there ^{are} Reports circulating respecting
Amasa Gray, greatly to his Dissonour & Reproach, and
that he has been treated with Repeatedly by Friends But
has not cleared them up to Satisfaction whereupon
this Meeting Appoints Smith Brown, Joseph
Tarnum, David Pease, Augustus Lapham, Reuben
Blanchard, to Confer of and Labour in that matter
As truth may Open the Way and Report their pro-
spect to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer of this meeting informing that the
Interest of the Money hired to pay the BOLLANER due for
Providence Meeting House is Voted. Whereupon this
Meeting Recommends to the Preparative Meeting to sub-
-scribe in freedom towards raising the sum of Nine
pounds in order to pay the same & send up to Next
Monthly Meeting.

1788 The Meeting for Sufferings having informed this Meeting that they agreed
10 m: To take a Number of Volumes of Joseph Phips Original &
present ^{State} of Man, and Robert Bankley's Catechism now
Printing and Printed at New York & Philadelphia, Caleb
Greene is appointed to receive Subscriptions for the same
and Report to our Meeting in the 12 m: Next.

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence the 26th of the 11 m: 1788. The Representatives
Appointed by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield
Augustus Lapham & Aza Arnold: Providence Moses Davis
& David Anthony who are all present.

The Committee Appointed in the Case of Amasa
Gray made Report in Writing which is accepted and is as
follows —

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Providence
the 26th of the 11 m: 1788.

We your Committee Appointed in the Case Respecting
Amasa Gray have met and Considered of that matter and
had an Opportunity with him, and find that the Complaint
is true, the reports are that he has fallen into that harmful
and Reproachful sin of Incontinency and he hath not
Cleared up said Reports, nor doth appear to us to be dis-
posed to take any further Measures to Clear them up
to the Satisfaction of Friends. We therefore give it
as our Judgment that he is not in a suitable
State and Disposition of mind to be any longer
Continued a member of our Society, which he him-
self has allowed and Confessed, all which is sub-
mitted to the Monthly Meeting. David Steere
Smith Brown, Joseph Farnum
Reuben Blanchard, Augustus Lapham

1788 And this Meeting puts him from under their Care as
N. M. a Member Accordingly, and Moses Brown and Caleb
Greene are appointed to inform him of his denial & Right
of Appeal & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform that Walter
Walker desires a Certificate for himself & family to
Smithfield Monthly Meeting. Whereupon Rufus
Smith & Benjamin Smith are appointed to make
the Necessary Enquiry and if they find nothing to hinder
to Bring a Certificate to Next monthly Meeting.

This meeting is informed by way of Smithfield Pre-
parative Meeting that Jacob Smith son of Rufus, has gone
into many things Contrary to our Religious Testimony, has
frequented Places of Merryment such as huskins &c. and
neglected the Attendance of Meeting and the Advice of his Pa-
rent and Friends, for which he has been Laboured with
without the Desired Effect Whereupon Caleb Greene, David
Anthony, Joseph Farnum are appointed to further labour
with him for his Recovery & Restoration as they may be
enabled and make Report to our Next monthly Meeting.

This meeting is Informed by way of Smithfield Prepara-
tive meeting that Thomas Lapham is and by his Last Will
and Testament desires the Advancement of the Monthly Meeting
in Assistance of his son David in Learning out his son Isaac
to a trade - Whereupon Samuel Hill is desired to procure
a Copy of that Part of his Will which respects that Matter
and Bring to Next monthly Meeting.

The Committee inth Care of Amasa Gray also produ-
ced a Testimony of Denial Against him which is as follow,
Whereas Reports have been Circulating respecting Amasa
Gray greatly to his reproach as a Religious and Moral Man
such as his having fallen into the sin of Incontinency to the
dishonour of Truth which for some years he has made pro-
fession of as a Member of our Religious Society, to the great

1788 grief and Affliction of his Friends, and he having been long Visited & Loved with, that if he
was Innocent his Innocency might Appear, or if guilty he might humble him
self before the Lord and Acknowledge his guilt, but without the desired Effect, and
he not pursuing such Measures in Order to clear himself, as we think an Innocent man ought to
do, but declining further endeavours and Acknowledging himself to be in a state unsuitable to be
a Member of Religious Society, It appears incumbent on us for the clearing of Truth &
our Christian Testimony to hereby Manifest to the World that we have put him from under our
care and deny Unity with him as a Member of our Religious Society, until by an humbling Visita-
tion of divine Grace he maybe favoured with a Sense of his Misconduct, the hidden things of Dark-
ness be brought to light, and in remembrance of the Lords Declaration "my Spirit shall not always
strive with man," close in with the Secret communication thereof in his own heart, whereby he
maybe Enabled to make suitable Satisfaction for his Outgoings, which is our Affectionate & fervent
Desire.

Signed by order of the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence Dec. 11. 1788.
by Thomas Arnold Clerk.

Which is approved of and Ordered to be signed by the Clerk — and Jo-
seph Congdon is appointed to Read the same at the Close of a
publick Meeting for worship at Providence and make Report
to our next monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Job Scott having laid before this Meeting
A Monurn which has for some time rested upon his
Mind to be given up to Make a Religious Visit to
Friends in some parts of the Jerseys the Western part of
Pennsylvania and the States Southward of that, and
this Meeting feeling a Sympathy with him ⁱⁿ there,
Appoint Cyril Wilkinson, John Holders, Benjamin Arnold,
Caleb Greene, Thomas Arnold, Joseph Congdon, Eleazer
Stear, To take a Solid Opportunity with him upon the
Subject, and to endeavour to feel after the Mind of Truth
herein, And if the Concern still continues to rest upon him,
and they find nothing to discourage, to prepare an
Essay of Artisticate on his behalf & Bring to Next
Monthly Meeting. Providence Preparation

Meeting whom they have testified 14th 19th 6.
and testified Inform they have begun a sub-
scription which was continued.

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12 m: A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield for Providence the 24th of the 1st m^o. 1780.
The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield Ezra Arnold & Augustus Sapham
Providence John Holden & Joseph Randall who are all
present.

The Committee Appointed Report that they have
Informed Amasa Gray of his denial & Rights of Appeal.

Our Esteemed Friend Thomas Cornthack attended this Meeting
and produced a Certificate from the Creek Monthly Meeting in
New Britain the 28th & 29th of the 8th m^o last his Company and
Service being acceptable to us.

The Friends Appointed in the Case of Walter Walker Re-
port that they have made Walter a Visit, but that he has
not yet got his Affairs quite in readiness for a Certificate, and
proposed that it be deferred one month, and it is continued
Accordingly under ^{the Care of} the same Committee, They to Report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Jacob Smithson of Rye
made Report that they have attended to the Matter & had a pretty
open time with him, and that he desired Friends to wait
longer on him, which they advised might be done, for one
month, whereupon that Matter is continued under the
Care of said Com^{tee} to our next Monthly Meeting
Then then to Report.

Samuel Hill produced a Copy of the Paragraph requir-
ed of Thomas Sapham's Will which being read, that
matter is continued to next monthly Meeting.

Joseph Congdon Report the Testimony of Amasa
Gray's denial has been Read according to Appointment.
Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform that

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Nathaniel Walker desires Certificate of Removal to the bridge Monthly Meeting
Whereupon Rufus Smith, and Jeremiah Harris are appointed to make
Enquiry in that matter and Report a Certificate on his behalf to that
Monthly Meeting if they find nothing to hinder.

The queries and answers were read and general Consensus Composed
therefrom Agreed to and sent up by this meeting, by Moses Davis
Joseph Basset & Caleb Greene, who are appointed our
Representatives to the next quarterly Meeting.

Our Friend Jonathan Arnold Informed this Meeting
that he has for some time felt something of a Concern upon
his mind to make a Religious Visit to Friends in the Southern
States, which he thought he should feel Casied to spread before
Friends for their Consideration and Advice therein.
Whereupon this Meeting appoints Rufus Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Aqueduct Lapham, Reuben Blanchard, Joseph Basset,
and Joseph Candon to take a Solid Opportunity with him
upon the Subject, to Endeavour to feel after the grounds
of his Concern, and the Mind of Truth Respecting it and to
Report their sense and Judgment, What is Right for this
Meeting to advise and do respecting it to our next Monthly
Meeting.

David Anthony, Wm Arnold & Smith Brown are
appointed to provide a Lott and Team for Friends horses at
the ensuing quarterly Meeting and Bring their Account
to that Monthly Meeting.

Certificate in behalf of our Friend Job Scott
to proceed on a religious Visit to Friends in the Southern
States was read and signed by Order of the Meeting
and ordered to be Recorded as follows.

To Friends in the Jersey, Pennsylvania & the
Southern States of America.

Dear Friends Our esteemed

Friend Jos Scott having Manifested to this
 Meeting a Concern which has for some time
 rested upon his Mind to make a Religious
 Visit to Friends in your parts: And we being
 United with him therein, do hereby Certify
 on his behalf that he is a Minister in good
 esteem with us; his life and conversation in
 a good degree becoming the profession he
 Makes. With desires that he may be pre-
 served in Faithfulness, and when his service
 is Accomplished, that he may be permitted
 to return, if it be the divine Will, to his Family
 and Friends, ^{with} the reward of peace, we recommend
 him to divine protection and your brotherly care
 and sympathy, And are your friends, Brethren
 and Sisters.

Signed in and By order of a Monthly
 Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for
 Providence in New England the 24th of the 12th
 month 1800. by.

Lydia Wilkinson
 Mary Brown
 Elizabeth Arnott
 Mercy Harris
 Lydia Arnott
 Abigail Arnott
 Salitha Pacey
 Ruth Hopkins

Daniel Anthony
 Thomas Cornstock
 Joseph Gangoon
 Benjamin Amott
 Moses Brown
 Caleb Greene
 Augustus Lapham
 Phebe Smith
 Elisha Steere
 Jeremiah Harris
 John Holden
 Thomas Arnott

1789 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence
1st m^o: The 2^d of the 1st m^o: 1789. The Representatives Appointed
by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Oziel Wilkinson &
Elisha Steere - from Providence Ruben Blanchard & Thomas
Hazzard, who are all present.

This meeting Rec^d: a Certificate from Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting in behalf of Christopher Almy who is
come to reside within this Monthly Meeting as an Appren-
tice which is accepted and is as follows -

To the Monthly Meeting of Providence, Dear Friends, Christopher Almy
having gone to reside within the verge of your Meeting as an Apprentice, there
are to certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Society, we therefore
recommend him to your Christian Care and Oversight, and are Your Friends
and Brethren, Signed in and by direction of our Monthly Meeting
held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 30th of 12th m^o: 1788
By Samuel Thurston Clerk.

The Committee in the case of Walter Walker not having fully reviewed
their Appointment they are desired to enquire more particularly
into the Circumstances of his coming & residing amongst us
and make Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Two of the Committee in the case of Jacob Smith, Report
that they have had an Opportunity with him to some de-
gree of Satisfaction, the others of the Committee not having
visited him; that matter is referred under the care of said
Committee to Next Mon^{thly} Meeting they then to Report.

That Paragraph of Thomas Lapham's will produced at our last
Monthly Meeting being under consideration, and it appearing
thence that he requested the monthly Meeting's advice and as-
sistance to his Executor in placing out his son Isaac among
Friends to a Trade - Whereupon Augustus Lapham, Samuel
Hills, & Moses Brown are desired to advise and assist his said
Executor therein in far as they may be Enabled in behalf
of this meeting in procuring a suitable place for him a-
mong Friends & Report to this Meeting when accomplished.

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1 m^o

The Committee in the case of Nathaniel Walker Reported a Certificate which was approved of Signed by the Clerk And is as follows, — To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge

Dear Friends

Our Friend Nathaniel Walker having removed within the Verge of Your Monthly Meeting and requested our Certificate that they may certify on his behalf, that he is a Member of our Society, and hath settled his outward Affairs for aught appears upon Enquiry, his life and conversation in a good degree Orderly; As such We Recommend him to your Christian Care and Oversight, desiring his growth and Establishment in the Truth.

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Providence the 20th of the 1st m^o 1789

By Thomas Arnold Clerk.

One of the Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all Attended.

The Committee Appointed upon the Case laid before last Monthly Meeting by Jonathan Arnold Not having been together upon that service so as to be ready to Report, They are Continued to fulfil their Appointment and Make Report to our Next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform they have Collected £4.10. and Ordered the same delivered the Treasurer, which he informs is delivered.

Joshua Congdon informed this Meeting that he proposed soon to go to live within the Limits of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, and Requested a Certificate, Whereupon John Holden, and Thomas Hozyard are Appointed to make the necessary Enquiry and Report a Certificate in his behalf to Next Monthly Meeting if they find nothing to hinder.

The Com^{tee} appointed to procure Hay and a Lot for Friends Hoops at the quarterly Meeting Report they procured it.

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As directed the Cost W^h of they are desired to bring to Next Monthly Meet^g.

The Appointment of Overseers, Overseers of poor, Visitors, Treasurer Auditors having been of some time standing. — This minute is made to bring the same seasonably before Next monthly Meeting.

1789
2.m^o

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield, for Providence the 25th of the 2.m^o 1789. The Representatives appointed by the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Jeremiah Wilkinson, Providence Reuben Blanchard & Joseph Anthony all present.

The case of Walter Walker is referred to Next Monthly Meeting under the care of the same Comtee together with Hagar Brown Cybil Wilkinson and John Holden they then to Report.

The women Inform they were about to disown Abigail Brown if this meeting had no Objection, none appearing they were Informed accordingly.

The Committee in the case of Jacob Smith Reported they have all visited him to pretty good Satisfaction; and produced a paper of Acknowledgment from him, which is accepted and his Misconduct passed by — and Joseph Farnum is appointed to read the same at the close of a Publick Meeting for Worship at David Steers.

Our Friend Stephen Buffington on a Religious Visit to Friends in this quarter attended this Meeting with a copy of a Minute from Accord Monthly Meeting his Comfession of Service being to good Satisfaction.

The Comtee in the case of Jonathan Arnold Continued from last monthly Meeting Report, that they have attended to that matter, and that his Concern appears to be of such a Nature as to require a Certificate which his present Standing in Society does not admit of: and that they apprehend it is not sufficiently ripe for further procedure therein, that Matter is therefore dismissed.

1709 The Committee in the Case of Joshua Congdon made Report
2^m of a Certificate which was Approved of and Signed by the
Clerk, and is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at
Smithfield for Providence the 25th of 2^m. 1709
To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge Dear Friends
Our Friend Joshua Congdon informed us that he was
about to remove within the Vege of your monthly
Meeting and requested our Certificate, therefore there
on to Certify on his behalf, that he is a Member of our
Meeting, and a ^{constant} Attendee thereof, his Life and
Conversation being in a good degree Orderly, and upon Enquiry
find that he has settled his outward Affairs to Satisfaction, and
Clear of Marriage Engagements Among Us, as such we Recom-
mend him to your Christian Care and Oversight, desiring
his growth and Preservation in the Truth, signed in
and on behalf of said Meeting,

By Thomas Amos Clerk.

The Friends Appointed to procure Hoop keeping &c
for the Quarterly Meeting presented their Account
Amounting to Seven pounds which is Allowed &
the Treasurer is directed to Settle the same.

The Appointment of Overseers, Overseers of the Poor,
Visitors, a Treasurer & the School Comtee. is referred
to Next Monthly Meeting

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence the 25th of the 3^m. 1709
The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield, Ezra Amos & Joseph
Basset, Providence Moses Davis & Elisha Bowen Jr.
Who being called are all present.

1789 Providence Preparative Meeting Informs that Thomas Hayford
3rd m^o proposes to remove within the Limits of Dartmouth monthly
Meeting and desires a Certificate for himself Wife, and Fam-
ily. — Whereupon David Anthony, & David Stone are
Appointed to make the necessary Enquiry and if they
find nothing to hinder, to produce a Certificate to
Next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the of Walter Walker Reported a Certificate
which is approved of and signed by the Clerk and is as follows,
To the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield —

Dear Friends Our friend Walter Walker having removed
within the Verge of your Meeting with his Wife and Children
Whose Names are, Margaret, Abraham, Sumner, Wing, and
Anna: These are to certify that they have Resided about
Three Years within this Meeting, and a Certificate
from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting was presented, but
not being Recorded is at present mislaid: And tho' we apprehend
they have not gained a Settlement here yet. Walter & his Wife
having Conducted in a Degree Orderly while with us: and it
Appearing on Enquiry that their Affairs are settled
to Satisfaction Among us, we recommend them and their
Children to your Christian Care and Oversight, and con-
clude your Friends Brethren & Sisters, Signed in &
by order of the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence the 25th of the 3rd m^o 1789 —

by Thomas Arnold Clerk
Abigail Arnold Clerk

Our friend Stephen Buffington having attended our last
Monthly Meeting and divers particular Meetings heretobelong-
ing with a Minute from Accareet Monthly Meeting

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Expressing his Concern to make a Religious Visit in this Neighbourhood, and divers friends Expressing their prospect of sending a few lines to that meeting Signifying his Company, Ministry and Service were acceptable. The Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to that Meeting Accordingly.

Joseph Tarnum Reports that he read the paper of Acknowledgment from Jacob Smith as Appointed.

The Queries and answers thereto from the preparative Meeting, were read & general answers composed there from Agreed to and Ordered to be sent up to the quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are David Anthony Smith Brown & Joseph Tarnum, together with the following Address

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at East Greenwich - Dear Friends, we have with send up our answers to the Queries by our Representatives who are David Anthony, Smith Brown, & Joseph Tarnum, to which we refer you for the present State of our Meeting. The Expenses of Provision for the last Quarterly Meeting amounting to seven pound has been presented to this Meeting & paid. This being the present Needful we conclude and remain Your Friends, signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Providence the 25 of the 3 m. 1709

By Thomas Arnold Clerk

The Appointment of Overseers, Overseers of the Poor &c. is continued to Next Monthly Meeting

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4m

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends at Smithfield

For Providence the 29th of the 4m: 1789. The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meeting are, by Smithfield Benjamin Smith, & Joseph Farnum, Providence Jonathan Congdon, and James Comstock, who are all present.

The Comtee Appointed in the Case of Thomas Hazard, request, for a Certificate of Removals Reported a Certificate which is approved of and signed by the Clerk and is as follows—

To the Monthly Meeting of (Dartmouth)

Dear Friends Our Friend Thomas Hazard & Anna his wife and four Children Namely, Sarah, Elizabeth, Anna & Thomas Doorman are about to remove within the verge of your Meeting and have requested our Certificate, Then may Certify on their behalf that they are Members of our Meeting and on Enquiry we don't find but that they have settled their outward Affairs to Satisfaction, and their Conduct & Conversation is in a good degree Orderly as such we Recommend them to your Christian Care, with desires for their growth and preservation in the Truth.

Signed in and by Order of Providence Monthly Meeting the 29th of the 4m: 1789.

by Thomas Arnold Clerk

Abigail Arnold Clerk

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting Inform they all Attended and that there is no business or Epistle sent down from thence.

The time for which the Overseers of this meeting were Appointed being Expired they are dismissed from that Charge and service, And our Friends Smith Brown, Elisha Boven Jan. Rufus Smith, Elisha there Azar Arnold are Appointed to the Place of Overseers. The Overseers of the Poor are also

1789 Dismissed and our Friends David Hare Augustus Lapham
4 m. and David Anthony are Appointed to that Service.

The Visitors are also dismissed, the Appointment
of other Friends to that Station, as also of a Treasurer
Auditor and the School Committee are referred to Next
Monthly Meeting.

This meeting is informed by way of Providence pre-
parative Meeting that William Army proposed to lay
his Intention of Marriage with Sarah Brown before
this Meeting and they appeared in this Meeting and
declared their Intentions accordingly he producing a cer-
tificate from Rhode Island Monthly meeting setting
forth his Cleanness of marriage engagements among them,
and that he had consent of Parents, and they were
directed to come to Next Monthly Meeting for an
Answer.

At the proposal of Providence preparative Meeting it
is concluded that Providence particular meeting on
first day afternoon begin at the 3 hour In future during
the 5. 6. 7. and 8 m. untill otherwise advised by
this Meeting.

1789 A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
5 m. the 27 of the 5 m. 1789 The Representatives Appoi-
nted by the Preparative Meeting are, from Smithfield
Augustus Lapham, and Oziel Wilkinson, Providence
Caleb Greene, and Henry Russell who being called
are all present, except Oziel Wilkinson who
is necessarily Absent. The Clerk likewise being Cal-

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gent, Daniel Anthony is appointed Clerk for this time,

The appointment of Visitors is again referred to Next Monthly Meeting.

The appointment of a Treasurer coming before this meeting, John Hobden is appointed to that Station for the Year Enquiring.

William Almy and Sarah Brown proposed their Intentions of Marriage to last Monthly Meeting and were directed to come to this for an answer, they appearing accordingly were informed that this meeting found nothing to hinder their proceeding therein, according to the good Order of Friends, Benjamin Arnott and Caleb Greene are appointed to attend their marriage and report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The appointment of an audit coming before this Meeting Moses Brown, Smith Brown, & Augustus Lapham, are appointed to that service.

The appointment of the School Committee is again referred to Next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Recd. a few lines from the meeting for Sufferings, with printed proposals, Informing that Isaac Collins of Trunton was about to reprint a Quarto Bible & they being desirous to encourage the same, recommended it to this Meeting that friends might subscribe & send up their subscriptions to said Meeting to be forwarded, Whereupon this Meeting appoints John Hobden, Moses Brown, Joseph Farnum, Augustus Lapham, & Reuben Blanchard to receive subscriptions and report to this Meeting as soon as convenient.

1789 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith
6m: held for Providence the 14th of the 6^m: 1789

The Representatives Appointed by the Preperative
Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Basset, &
Joseph Farnum, Providence Moses Brown & Joseph
Anthony, who are all present.

Our Friend Zachariah Ferris Attended this Meeting on a
Religious Visit to Friends in New England & produced a Certificate
from the Monthly Meeting of Wilmington in New Castle
County on Delaware dated the 15th of the 4^m: 1789 which was
read to good satisfaction, his Company and service being ac-
ceptable to us — Our Friend Robert Johnson also attended
this Meeting as Companion to Zachariah, with a Certificate
from the aforesaid Monthly Meeting of Wilmington whose
Company is also acceptable.

This meeting Recd. a Certificate of removal from
Greenwich monthly Meeting in behalf of Amos Turner
his Wife Margaret, their two Youngest Children to wit,
Phoebe and Caleb, which is as follows —

From our Monthly Meeting of men and Women
friends held at East Greenwich the 8th of 4^m: 1789.

To the Monthly Meeting of Providence
Dear Friends,

Amos Turner and Margaret his wife ha-
ving removed from this meeting within the limits of
your Monthly Meeting and requesting our Certificate
for themselves and such of their family as are Members of
our Society, there may Certify on their behalf, that himself
his wife and two Youngest Children Namely Phoebe and
Caleb, are Members of our Meeting, the parents in good Es-
teem with us and we think pretty Diligent Attenders of
Meetings, when Circumstances would permit. — on
Enquiry we find their Temporal Affairs are irreputable

1789 Order, with desires for their growth in the Truth we Recommend them
6^m: to your Christian Love and Oversight — Signed in & by Order of
Our said Meetings Thomas Howland Clarke,
by Anna Greene Clerk for this day.

Which is Accepted.

This Meeting being Informed that Samuel Brown son of Esch
is gone to Nantucket in order to serve an Apprenticeship ^{ship} with a Member
of that meeting with the Advice of Friends, he being a Member of this
Monthly Meeting, The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this
Minute to Nantucket Monthly Meeting.

The Queries with answers from the Preparative Meetings were read
in this, and General answers agreed to which are ordered to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are, Elisha Stene,
Benjamin Smith, & John Holden.

This Meeting being Informed that a Middleweek Meeting
at Scituate has been lately suffered to fall through, and being desirous
that a remedy may if possible be applied to prevent the like
happening again, do appoint Moses Brown, Augustus Lopham,
Abner Angell, to make a visit to that meeting, and inspect into
the circumstances and Plan of holding the same, & to labour
as they may be enabled to excite the necessary Attention &
Watchfulness in that respect among Friends & make
Report to Next monthly Meeting.

The Committee to attend the Marriage of William
Amy Reports, that they all attended the Marriage &
that it was Conducted Orderly.

This meeting having not come time the
Appointment of Visitors and the School Com.
is referred to Next monthly Meeting.

1789 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
7^m: Providence the 29th of the 7^m: 1789 The Representatives Ap-
pointed by the Preparative Meetings are from Smiths: David
Stene, & Timothy Greene, Providence Moses Brown & Moses Davis
who are all present.

1789 One of the Representatives to Attend the Quarterly Meeting report.
7th Jan. That they all attended according to Appointment

The Women's Meeting inform'd that they were about to accept Lucy Blanchard a member of Society, & were informed that this Meeting had no objection to her being Rec'd.

The Comtee Appointed to Visit Scituate Meeting report that they paid attention to that matter according to Appointment, but that matter not being finished said Comtee is continued to have Charge thereof and Report to Next Monthly Meeting

A Minute of Smithfield's monthly Meeting with Walter Walker's Certificate returned from thence not accepted was laid before this meeting, whereupon ^{Joseph} Brown & David Sturges, are appointed to Consider of that matter and to prepare a few lines to that meeting if it appears necessary and Bring to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Appointments of Visitors came before this meeting, but was not opening to proceed therein at this time. The same referred to next monthly Meeting. Also the Appointment of a School Comtee.

John Heptden is appointed to receive subscriptions of such Friends as desire to subscribe for a New Edition of Picty promoted about to be reprinted in England.

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8th Jan. A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence Co. of the 8th Jan. 1789. The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meeting are, from Smithfield Joseph Torrey & Jeremiah Wilkinon; from Providence Reuben Blanchard & Joseph Randall, who are ^{all} present but Reuben Blanchard.

The Comtee in the case of Scituate Meeting not being fully ripe to make report they are continued to have Charge of that matter, & make report to next Mth Meeting.

1789 This Meeting Recd a Certificate of Removal from Rhode Island Monthly
8th mo. meeting, in behalf of George Harris, it being an Indorsement on a
Certificate heretofore sent them from this Meeting; which is
Accepted And is as follows; (viz)

To The Monthly Meeting of Providence Dear Friends
George Harris within mentioned, having requested a few
Lines by way of Certificate in order to return to you, then may
Certify that he still retains his right of Membership in Soci-
ety and upon Enquiry it dont appear that he has left
any Matter of dealing unsettled among us.

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting,
held at Newport the 28th of 7th mo. 1789—

By Samuel Thurston Clerk.

Also Recd a Certificate of Removal from said Monthly Meeting
in behalf of William Army which is Accepted And is as
follows

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport for Rhode Island the 10th of the 7th mo. 1789.

To the Monthly Meeting of Providence
Dear Friends

Our Friend William Army having propos-
ed to us his intentions of removing within the Charge
of your Meeting, and desiring our Certificate for that
purpose, we do hereby Certify on his behalf that he is
a Member of our Religious Society in good Esteem
with us, and, upon Enquiry his Affairs Appear to
be settled ~~to~~ Satisfaction, as such we recommend
him to you and are your Friends,

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting of
foresaid ————— By Samuel Thurston Clerk.

789 The Comtee appointed to consider of the Minute from
8 m. Smithfield Monthly Meeting Accompanying Walter
Watkins Certificate returned, Not having all the pa-
pers Necessary present, That matter is Continued
to Next Monthly Meeting under their Care.

This Meeting is informed by way of Smithfield Preparative
Meeting, That Richard Amos son of Samuel, hath
departed from the good order and Discipline of Friends
in Associating with vain and Unprofitable Compa-
ny and much Neglecting the Attendance of Meet-
ings, and in some unbecoming Language and in De-
clention from plainness, and Disregarding the Advice
of his Parents and Friends, Whereupon Caleb Greene,
Augustus Lapham, & David Anthony, are appoint-
ed to Labour with him for his recovery in those
respects and report to Next monthly Meeting.

A paper from Benjamin Borner of Nantuck-
et respecting 16th Clark being laid before this Meeting
Whereupon Daniel Anthony & Thomas Amos are
Appointed to write to Benjamin giving him the
best Information respecting that matter they
can.

The Appointment of Visitors & the School
Committee is referred to Next monthly Meeting.

At A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 23 of the 9 m. 1789. The Representatives Appointed
by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Samuel
Hills & Joseph Basset. from Providence Elisha
Bowen Junr. & John Holden. Who are all present.

1789 The Queries and answers thereto from the preparative Meetings
9^m. were read in this & general answers composed therefrom a
guid to & ordered to be carried up to the quarterly Meeting by
our Representatives who are, Caleb Greene, Moses Davis &
Abra Arnold.

Two of the Comtee. Appointed to Visit Scituate Meeting^{re} &
that they have attended to that service, have visited the meeting,
Upon conversing with Friends there in respect to the place
of holding the meeting there, do not discover that it could
be removed to advantage at Present.

The Committee Appointed to Consider of the Minute
from Smithfield mentioning Meeting, Reported and gave of
a Letter to said Meeting which was agreed to & signed by
the Clerk as follows.

The Monthly Meeting of Providence to the Monthly
Meeting of Smithfield, Dear Friends We Recd. a Copy of
your Minute of the 25th of the 6th M^o. last, of our Monthly Meetg.
before last, on consideration of which & your Certificate in behalf
of Walter Walker, Wife & Family Children, which you therein
informed us was not accepted by you, we have now further
to inform you that as they had removed within the
Verge of your Meeting, there was no other Meeting
we could send a Certificate to: As Walter not having gained
A Settlement here, was a fact we thought it necessary you
should be informed of it; that you might continue
him under your Care as a Member of Wobridge M^o.
Meeting, from whence we informed you they came to us,
or by your own Act - settle them among themselves as
you might think proper: As to the son that was with his
Grandfather, as we could not find he was placed out; but
daily liable to return to his Parents, we thought best to in-
clude him as one of his Father's Family, if therefore
he should continue there, a few lines from you to
Wobridge relating those facts we doubt not would be Sa

1789 Satisfactory to that meeting, but if not we shall be
willing to give any further information to them or
to you respecting him or the Family we can do
Consistant with Truth and Justice. In hope that you
will on being thus Informed, Accept our Certificate
We herewith enclose it to you & our Friends &
Brethren. Signed in & on behalf of our Monthly Meetg.
held at Providence 23. 9th mo: 1789.

Thomas Arnold clerk

The Comtee in the Case of Richard Arnolds reported
that they have Visited him & he appeared not likely
to make Friends Satisfaction, which report is Recd. and
Referred to Next months Meeting for Consideration, in
Order for such Friends as are inclined to Visit him.

Thomas Arnolds & Daniel Anthony Report they
have wrote Benjamin Barney as Directed by last
Monthly Meeting & a Copy of their Letter being read
up in this Meeting it was approved of.

The Epistle from the last Yearly & Quarterly
meetings was Recd. and read in our monthly Meeting be-
fore last, but does not appear to be minuted at that
time.

This meeting sent up the following Act. to
the Quarterly Meeting, to wit.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Friends Next to be held
on Rhode Island

Dear Friends We Recd. Your Epistle of last
quarter with the Transcripts & Extracts therein Men-
tioned, which have been read in this meeting to
Satisfaction, We have Recd. Answer to the Queries from

Our preparative Meeting, & agreed to general answers composed there
from, which are herewith sent by our Representatives, Caleb
Greene, Moses Davis, & Roger Arnold, to which we refer
for the present state of our Meeting, and remain your
Friends & Brethren, signed in and on behalf of our
Monthly Meeting held at Providence 23 of the 9th mo 1789.

Thomas Arnold Clerk

Time being for spent. The appointment of Visitors & the
School Committee is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

1789 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
10th mo: for Providence 28 of the 10th mo: 1789. The Representatives
Appointed by the Preparative Meeting are from Smithfield
Jeremiah Harris & Joseph Furnum, Providence Reuben
Blanchard & David Anthony, who are all present.

The Clerk being absent through Indisposition of Body
Daniel Anthony is appointed Clerk for the Day.

The Representatives Appointed to attend the Quarterly
Meeting report that they all attended.

A Certificate of removal in behalf of Levi Hunt
from Swansey Monthly Meeting Dated the 5th of the 10th mo:

1789, was read in this meeting and accepted and is as
follows

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends at Swansey
the 5th of the 10th mo: 1789. To the Monthly Meeting
of Friends at Providence,

Respected Friends Levi Hunt
hath removed from us within the Verge of your Meeting
and Requested our Certificate, this is on his behalf to
Certify that he is a Member of our Meeting and stands

1789 in the Motion of an Elder in Unity, and upon En-
10 m. quiry no dissatisfaction Appears in Regard to his
Temporal Concerns Also Clear of Marriage En-
gagements, As such we Recommend him to your
Christian Care, Desiring he may be preserved in
the Truth. c

Signed in and on behalf } by Daniel Brayton (Ck
of our Abode: Meeting) } Deborah Head Clerk. c

The matter respecting Richard Arnold is referred to
Next Monthly Meeting, it being Omitted to be sent
into the Womens Meeting before they Rose. c

The Appointment of Visitors & the School Comtee
is referred to Next Monthly Meeting, say not opening
to go forward at this time c

1789 A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
11 m. Providence 25th of the 11 m. 1789, the Representatives
Appointed by the preparative Meetings, are, from Smith-
field Augustus Lopham & Timothy Greene, from
Providence John Holden & Joseph Congdon, who
being called are all present. c

The Clerk not being present Daniel Anthony is
Appointed Clerk for this time. c

The matter respecting Richard Arnold being
opened, & the meeting feeling clear to Disown Unity
with him, & the womens Meeting uniting therewith,
he is Disowned Accordingly & put from under the
Care of friends as a Member, Caleb Greene & Augustus
Lopham, are appointed to inform him of his denial
& Right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of his Denial
& report to Next Monthly Meeting c

1789 Smithfield Preparative Meeting Inform that Joseph Basset proposes
to remove within the Limits of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting if agreeable
to Friends & desires a Certificate for that purpose, Whereupon Joseph
Farrum, John Holden & Moses Brown are appointed to take
an Opportunity with him & Enquire into the Circumstances
of his Affairs in that respect, Advise with him & prepare a Cer-
tificate if necessary & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield preparative Meeting Likewise inform that Au-
gustus Sophorn had thoughts of removing within the Lim-
its of Norotoga Monthly Meeting & asks his Friends Advice
therein, David Stur, Joseph Condon, Daniel Anthony,
Smith Brown, Jonathon Arnot, & Moses Brown are appoint-
ed to take an Opportunity & Advise with him on the Subject
matter of his said request and Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Appointment of a School Committee coming before this Meeting,
Elisha Bowen Junr, David Anthony, Caleb Wilkinson, Benjamin
Smith, Stephen Smith, William Hony, David Stur,
Jeremiah Wilkinson & Ezra Arnot are appointed to
that service, five of which when met, are empowered to Act
on Business.

The Appointment of Visitors is referred to Next Monthly
Meeting.

It appears by a Minute from the Quarterly Meeting, that
this Meeting, proportion of the Yearly Meetings Stock
for the Year 1789 is £ 3..3..4. The preparative Meetings
are desired to raise the same & send up to Next Monthly
Meeting.

The Committee to receive Subscriptions for the Bible
reported twenty two Subscribed for with the Advance Money
agreeable to the proposals, Moses Brown is directed to re-
ceive and forward the same to the Meeting for suffer-
ings.

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12 m A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
for Providence the 30th of 12th m: 1789.

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings are, For Smithfield Samuel Hills & Joseph Farnam, Providence, Caleb Greene & John Morgan, Who are all present.

The Clerk being absent William Almy is Appointed Clerk for this time.

The Queries were read and answers thereto from the Preparative Meetings from which general answers were compiled which together with an account to the Quarterly Meeting are directed to be presented to said Meeting by our Representatives Benjamin Arnold, David Allen & Timothy Greene who are to report to next monthly Meeting.

The Committee Appointed to Acquaint Richard Arnold of his denial, and prepare a Testimony thereof presented one which not being paid to general satisfaction, is committed to them for amendment they to report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Appointed in the case of Joseph Babel request inform that in paid attention to their Appointment, but was not now ready to report, but matter is therefore referred to them to report to next mth Meeting. The Committee Appointed to advise with Augustus & others, respecting his removal, inform that they have attended to their Appointment, but are not yet ready to report, that matter is therefore referred under this care, they to report to next monthly Meeting.

The Appointment of Visitors is again agreed to next monthly Meeting, with the conclusion of this Meeting to have

1789 Under consideration in the early part of said Meeting.

12 m. The Preparative Meetings not having said this meeting
proportion of the Yearly Meeting, Stock; the Treasurer is directed
to forward the same to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

Collyer & Levi Hunt are appointed to make pro-
vision for the Accommodation of Friends at the ensuing
Quarterly Meeting and present an account of the same to
next monthly Meeting.

Minutes of previous Meeting inform, that Joseph
Anthony desires a Certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting.
John Holden, Eiel Withinson & Henry Russell are
appointed to take the necessary care if things appear
clear to prepare an report to next Monthly Meeting.

590 A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Pro-
vidence the 29th of the 1st mo. 1790. The Representatives ap-
pointed by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield
Rufus Smith, from Greene Augustus Lapham,
Providence Sigis David & William Henry.

Whobing called on all present.

The minute book then read informed Richard Smith
and produced a Testimony of Donals as amended which
was approved of as follows. — Thomas Richard brother of
Susanna Smith has by distant sight of membership in our religious society but
servant of Satan to the divine Monitor in his own mind which would have
prejudiced him, from the many delusive & deceitful enjoyments of time & sense
which are; are, preventing him from seeing the true light, from
the paths of holiness & virtue, he has not gone into many useful things, particularly in at-
tending to the vain & unprofitable company much in neglecting the attendance of our
Religious Meetings, & declining from plainness & plain dress & all which
is not consistent with the long waited upon for his recovery & restoration both by his Parents &
Friends which hath not had the desired effect, we therefore publish to the world that we have denied
unity with him, & put him from under our care as a member, until he shall make satis-
faction, for his sayings, which we sincerely hope he may be enabled to do
Given & forth at our monthly meeting held at Providence 2nd of 1st mo 1790

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1st mo

The Committee on Joseph's Request for a Certificate
Inform they are not yet ready to report that matter is
therefore continued under their care till to report to next
Monthly Meeting.

The Subject of Appointment of Editors coming before
the Meeting and on that opening for an Appointment
at this time it is referred to our next monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed produced a Certificate of the
members in behalf of Joseph Anthony which was then
moved of as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence 2^d 1st mo 1790 to the monthly
Meeting of Friends at East Greenwich, Dear Friends.

Our Friend Joseph Anthony informed us that
he was about to be within the verge of your meeting
and requested our Certificate there are therefore to
certify on his behalf that he is a Member & a Disciple
of the Meeting, for his Doctrine and Discipline,
and of our Order, Life and Conversation, & we will be
his Friend & his Companion and is clear of every
Engagement contrary to our Discipline and we will
be his Friend & his Companion (are and will be)
During his journey and his residence in the South,
and are your Friends & Brethren Signed by order
of our whole Meeting.

by Thomas Arnold Clerk.

Joseph Anthony and Mary Smith are appointed to lay
before the Meeting of Daniel Tarnum son of Jonathan deceased
with the Minutes of his will for a time within this
Meeting, before the next Monthly Meeting, by the
Minutes in behalf of this Meeting.

Smith & Tarnum Meeting before they have

1790 Received in full the sum of £ 30 four shillings
1 m^o 3 for the year's subscription.

The Committee appointed in the day of January 1790
to enquire into the state of the Society, have
The Committee in the day of August 1790, have
since had several opportunities with him and his wife. Report
that we are opposed to so warmly situated at present
we do not see any necessity of his removing, Nevertheless
if after solemn Reasoning the matter it shall be
seen best to them to remove we think it may be safe
to leave them at their liberty to proceed accordingly.

David Lane Joseph Gordon
Amy Evans Daniel Anthony
Moses Brown
Smith Brown
Jonathan Arnold

Our Beloved Friend, Isaac Evans, from Providence
on a religious visit to his friends in this part of the country
meeting his friends and having long and interesting
conversations with them, were present at the annual
of meeting, for his keeping us at the
only Meeting in the country, which was
held at the house of Mr. Evans, and is reported in this meeting.

1790 A. A. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield, for Providence 24 of 2. m^o 1790

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative meeting
from Smithfield, were Mr. Hill, Mr. Arnold,
Brother Henry Rybolt, & Levi Hunt, who were
called on all present.

Providence Preparative meeting Inform that we have
received three pounds ten shillings which was directed to be
paid to the Monthly Meetings for the year's subscription.
V. D. the 10th of 10th for the quarterly meeting.

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3rd M^o. The Comtee in the Case of Joseph Rapier Not being quite ready to report to certify that matter is again continued to their Monthly Meeting the Comtee shall be the same.

This meeting being a small & open - & opening to proceed in the Appointment of Visitors, that matter is continued to their Monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Isaac Everett on Religious Visit from Pennsylvania attended all the Meetings within the Range of this Monthly Meeting, and his service & exemplary deportment having been fully acceptable to Friends, it is concluded to send an A. C. thereof to the next Quarterly Meeting, in order that a Certificate may be sent home on his behalf to the Quarterly Meeting to which he belongs.

This Meeting Dec. a minute from the Clerk of the quarterly Meeting mentioning this meeting, & the notice of the Quarterly Meeting's Month to be Sunday which the preparative Meetings are desired to raise.

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 24th of the 3rd M^o. - 1790 -

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Elisha Steere & Benjamin Arnold, from Providence David Anthony and John Holden who being called are all present.

The Subject of Appointment of Visitors coming before this meeting, our Friends Ruben Blanchard, Moses Brown Elisha Steere John Holden, & David Steere are appointed to that Service, And they are desired to proceed therein as the Truth may open the way to make a general Visit to the Families & Friends belonging to this Monthly Meeting, that they labour

1790 To feel and Inculcate a spirit of Brotherly love & harmony
3 m^o. Among Friends, and a more quick and lively Engagement for
the Cause of truth, and the support of our religious testimony
in its various Branches and to Report their progress &
Satisfaction therein to this Meeting once a Quarter.

The Committee in Case of Joseph Basset reported
A Certificate for himself and Family which was approved
of and signed by the Clerk, being directed to Uxbridge
Monthly Meeting as follows, from our Monthly Meet-
ing of Friends held at Providence the 24th of 12^m. 1790
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge.

Dear Friends Our Friend Joseph Basset having re-
moved with his Family within the verge of your meeting, This is
to certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Society,
Orderly, and a diligent Attender of our Meetings and after
Enquiry we do not find but his Affairs are settled and left to
Satisfaction, his wife Rachel and Children Anna and
Ephraim are also Orderly Members as far as appears.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by
Thomas Arnold Clerk
Abigail Arnold Clerk

A Certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting in favour
of John Beru was presented this meeting, but it not being
Certain whether he lives within the verge of this meeting
and he having never attended it, It is referred for consideration
and Enquiry, and the Representatives are desired to confer
with the Representatives of South Kingston Monthly
Meeting, at the next quarter respecting this case and
Report to next months Meeting.

The Queries with answers from the Preparative meet

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3^{me} Meetings were read in this, and general answers agreed
to which are sent up to the Quarterly meeting with an
Account by our Representatives who are Thomas Amos,
John Holden Elihu Bowen Junr.

This meeting is Informed by way of Smithfield
Preparative Meeting that Jacob Smith son of Ru-
fus has departed from the simplicity of our profession,
and behaved in a Disorderly manner, in several Res-
pects, in particular in Contracting Marriage without his
Fathers Consent and with one not of our Society, he
having been laboured with for this and other
Misconduct without the desired Effect, whereupon Benja-
Arnold, Smith Brown & Joseph Randal are ap-
pointed to further labour with him for his recovery
and Restoration, and make report to their Monthly
Meetings.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay
the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the sum of
£ 5. 17. 6 being this meetings proportion of the
Quarterly Meeting Stock.

1790
4th A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
field, or Providence the 28th of 4th mo 1790 —

The Representatives appointed by the Preper-
ative Meetings are for Smithfield Rufus Smith,
and Ezra Amos, for Providence Ruben Blancher
and Smith Brown, Ruben Blanchard and
Smith Brown not present the reason of Smith's
Nonattendance we are informed is indisposition of body.

The Clerk being absent William Adams is appointed
Clerk for this time.

Neither of the Friends to whose care the matter res-
pecting Josiah Berry's Certificate was committed being

1790^o present and no Report Rec^d from them, that matter is re-
4 m^o fused to Next monthly Meeting and they desired then to
Report.

Two of the Committee in the case of Jacob Smith, In-
formed that they had paid some Attention to their Appoint-
ment but were not sufficiently ripe to make report
at this time that matter is therefore continued under
their Care, and they desired to report to next monthly
Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform
that they have raised and paid to the Treasurer two pounds
ten Shillings for the Use of the Quarterly Meeting.

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5 m^o A W Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Pro-
vidence the 26th of 5 m^o 1790. The Representatives ap-
pointed by the Preparative Meeting, are of Smithfield
Samuel Hill & Joseph Sarnum, by Providence
Daniel Anthony and Reuben Blanchard who being
called are all present.

This meeting Received a Certificate of removal
from a coarset Monthly Meeting as follows viz.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Accoahet the 1st of 4 m^o 1790 to the Monthly
Meeting of Providence

Esteemed Friends, Whereas Lem-
Chap and Elizabeth his wife, and Samuel Sam, have
moved within the Verge of your meeting and desire
our Certificate, there are to inform you that they are

Members of our religious Society and upon Enquiry
we dont find but that they have settled their outward
Affairs to good Satisfaction, as such we recommend
to your Christian Care, this being the present needful we
Remain your Friend, Signed on behalf John Mather Clerk
of our Meeting by Elizabeth Chase

From our Monthly Meeting, Friends at
1790. Abide. the 26 of 3. m^o 1790

5m^o To the Monthly Meeting of Friends in
Respectful Friends

For our former attendance
of our meeting being about to remove within the
loop of your monthly Meeting hath requested our
Certificate to you, there may therefore Certify
in his behalf that upon Enquiry do find that his
affairs are settled to satisfaction and that he is
free to be clear of marriage engagements &
manast. us, hath been a steady attendant of Meet-
ings while with us, and of an orderly life and con-
-duct, we do recommend him to your
Christian Love and Oversight. Signed in
and on behalf of our said Meeting

By Richard Mowbray Clerk

Joseph has informed this Meeting that he has per-
formed the duty for which he Recd. Certificate from
this Meeting in the 12 m^o 1790. Which Certificate
he returned with several Endorsements from
and returned Certificates which were read to and
satisfaction: It appearing thereby his Company
and labours were highly acceptable to Friends.

The Committee in case of John Bump's Certificate, made
Report & upon it is concluded that his said Certificate
be returned to be to him soon. Monthly Meeting, with
the Information that we do not consider the Place
where he resides to be within the settlement of this
Monthly Meeting, and that their said Certificate
does not respect the Friends present & situation
and standing in regard to claims in his affairs, and that his
life and conversation are in conformity with the Discipline.

1790 And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute -
5 m^o with said Certificate.

The Committee in case of Jacob Smith made report as follows. - To the monthly meeting of Friends of Providence. We of your Committee in case of Jacob Smith having had several Opportunities with him Respecting the matters Contained in the Complaint he issued Against him and that the said part of his having left the Father's house in a disorderly manner which it appears to have been somewhat the case but is at present removed and he returned, but as he has since Accomplished his said Marriage out of the Order of Friends, and he not appearing to us in a state of mind suitable to make Friends Satisfaction, we submit the further Disposal thereof to the Meeting.

Benjamin Arnold
Precedence 25 5 m^o 1790 Samuel Brown

Which is accepted and this meeting disowns Unity with the said Jacob Smith and puts him from under their Care as a Member until he shall make Satisfaction for his outgoing, which we desire he may be enabled to do. And Benjamin Smith & Aja Arnold are appointed to inform him of his denial and right of Appeal, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and Bring to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting, being mostly absent from last monthly meeting by reason of sickness - They now Report that they all Attended according to appointment.

1790 A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
6 m. Smithfield for Providence the 23rd of the 6 m. 1790

The Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings
Are by Smithfield Benjamin Smith & Elisha
Stear. Providence Joseph Randall & Jonathan
Condon who being called are all present.

Our Friend Joshua Brown on a Religious Vis-
it to Friends in New England with a Certificate
from Nottingham Monthly meeting the 30th
of the 1st m. 1790. And a Concurrence there with by
the Quarterly Meeting held at London Grove Ches-
ter County Pennsylvania. the 16th of 2 m. 1790

Also our Friend Benjamin Swett with a Cer-
tificate from Haddonfield monthly Meeting
New Jersey the 10th of 5 m. 1790, Concurred by a
Quarterly Meeting held at Salem the 1st of the 5 m.
1790 Also Jacob Maule with a Certificate from
Haverhill Monthly Meeting held at Merion
Pennsylvania the 14th of the 5 m. 1790 & Companion
to Joshua Brown, attended this meeting to
our Satisfaction and Comfort.

The Friends Appointed Report they have
informed Jacob Smith of his denial & Right
of Appeal, and produced a Testimony of his denial
which Appeared to the Meeting to need some
Addition. They are desired to make the Necessary
Addition and bring it to Next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Recd. a Copy of a Minute of the Yearly
Meeting as follows to wit, Rhode Island quarterly

1790 Meeting having desired some alteration in the time & place of
6^m holding Two of their Meetings, it was considered and agreeable
to their Request it is concluded that for one year the
Meeting which has usually been held at Smithfield upper
Meeting house in the 7^m be held at Portsmouth the 3^d day before
the second 6th day in the 8^m. And that held at Portsmouth in
the 10th be held at the same time at Fair Smithfield: And
It is concluded that their next meeting be held agreeable to
the above Conclusion. — And the Clerk is directed to give
to that Quarter and to each Monthly Meeting then in
Copy of this Minute for their Government.
Copy Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly Meet-
ing of Rhode Island 6^m 1790 —

Wm. Notch Jun^r Clerk

Therefore the business of the Quier, which was
usually done at this time is referred to our monthly
Meetings.

1790 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
7^m Providence the 28 of 7^m 1790.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are, Smithfield Elijah Stee & Augustus Lapham.
Providence Ebenezer Bowen Jun^r and Thomas Arnold,
who are all present except Thomas Arnold, but no reason
appearing from him for his nonattendance he is desired
to acquaint at our next monthly Meeting.
The Clerk being absent William Sherry is appointed
Clerk for this time.

Our Friend Hugh Judge attended this Meeting
and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting
in Wilmington New Castle County on Delaware the 13th of
7^m 1790 certifying their unity with him as a Minister &
Concurrence in his proceeding to perform a Religious Visit.

1790 to Friends of New York and New England Governments
7m^o. Which was Concurred with by the 1st Quarterly
Meeting at Concord Delaware County Pennsylvania
the 8th of 2nd mo. 1790.

Also our Friend James Mott attended
this meeting and produced a Copy of a Minute from
Previous Monthly Meeting dated 11th of 6th mo. 1790.
Certifying his being an Elder in Unity with them,
and their concurrence in his accompanying our Friend
Hugh Judge on his Religious Visit to Friends in these
parts, which were read to good Satisfaction.

Our Friend Job Scott having received a Certificate
from the Yearly Meeting at Blackwater in Surry
County Virginia since he returned the Certificate
granted him by this meeting, with several returned
Certificates as mentioned in the Minutes of 5th mo.
Which he presented to this meeting and were read to
Satisfaction. Also a Certificate from a Quarterly
Meeting held at Center in Guilford County
North Carolina dated 11th of 3rd mo. 1790 which
was presented and read at our last monthly
Meeting, by which it appears his Religious
Labours in those parts were to the edification
of Friends.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Ans
were made from the Preparative Meetings, some of these
general answers were, named, which were taken with an
Account to the Quarterly Meeting was signed by the
Clerk, and directed to be presented by our Represen
tatives Levi Hunt, Augustus Latham, & a
Arnold. The Committee to whose care the pre

1790^o preparing of a Testimony of the Denial of Jacob Smith was
7^m^o Committed presented one which is approv^d and by direction
of this meeting signed by the Clerk.

Augustus Laphorn is appointed to read the Testi-
mony given forth sometime past by this meeting of the
Denial of Richard Knott, at Smithfield and report
to our meeting in Next month.

The Friends Appointed to Visit the Families of Friends
within the verge of this meeting, or Individuals as may
might open, reported they have made some progress
therein, — They are continued to proceed in the dis-
charge of that trust, as truth may print out
And Jos Scott is added to them —

1790^o 8^m^o A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
field for Providence the 25th of 8^m^o 1790. The Repre-
sentatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smith-
field Jeremiah Wilkinson & Rufus Smith Providence
Henry Russell & Moses Davis, who being called on all
present. Thomas Arnold informed this meeting, the rea-
son of his absence at last monthly Meeting, which
appeared to be satisfactory.

The Representatives reported Transcripts of the Yearly
Meeting Epistles from Philadelphia & Long Island which
were read to Satisfaction.

Also Recd. several Extracts of the Minutes of our
last Yearly Meeting which were read and on a follow
By request of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, it is con-

1790 Concluded that their Meeting be in future held in the
8. m^o. 10th month, on the first sixth day.

It is concluded that Certificates granted by Monthly
meetings to ministering friends, whose Concern
may extend out of the limits of our Yearly Meetg
may best signed at large in the monthly meet-
ings by friends in their Judoorn both men
& women.

This Meeting having concluded to raise thirty
pounds for the ensuing year, Rhode Island Quar-
terly meeting is desired to forward 12. 16. 6
their proportion, to our Treasurer.

Extracts from the Minutes of our Yearly
Meeting held at Rhode Island 6 m^o. 1790
by Wm. Crockett Clerk
to the Meeting this year.

Augustus Lapham Reports that the Testimony
of Richard Arnold's denial has been read.

Samuel Hill Levi Hunt Caleb Greene are appointed to
Consider of a suitable person to act as Clerk to the
Meeting for a year Enjoining and Report to Next
Monthly Meeting.

A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
29 of 9 m^o. 1790 The Representatives Appointed by the
Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Stephen
Smith & Augustus Lapham. Providence Amos Turner
and Caleb Greene who are all present.

1790 The Committee appointed to consider of a suitable person to act
9^m. as Clerk to this meeting proposed William Almy for
that service, and he is appointed accordingly for the ensuing
Year, but he not being present Thomas Amos is desired
to act as Clerk for this time. —

The Queries with answers thereto from the preparative
Meetings were read up, and general answers agreed to
which are ordered to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
by Benjamin Smith Joseph Farnum Henry
Russell, who are appointed our Representatives to Q. Meet-
ing and to report to next monthly Meeting. —

This Meeting Recd. from the Clerk of the Quarterly
Meeting an Account of this Meeting, proportion of
the Yearly Meeting, stock which is £2.11. —

Samuel Hills Junr. Informed this Meeting that he has
a prospect of removing within the verge of the bridge
Monthly Meeting and desires Friends Advice therein.
Whereupon Benjamin Smith, Wm. Arnold & Elisha
then are appointed to consult with him in that
Respect & to give him such Advice as way appears to
give in the truth, and if it seems best that he re-
move, and thus find nothing to hinder, that they
prepare a Certificate of Removal and bring to Next
Monthly Meeting. —

It being mentioned that the time for which the
Overseers were appointed is expired the Clerk is desired
to have the Minutes of their appointment & of the
Overseers of the poor at next monthly Meeting. —

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith
field for Providence the 2^d of the 10^m 1790. The Represen-
tatives from the Preparative Meetings are, Smithfield
Samuel Hills & Joseph Farnum, Providence Jonathan
Goulden & Joseph Randall all present. —

1790 The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting
10m² reported that they all attended, and presented
Transcripts of an Epistle from our last Quarterly
Meeting, who are from the yearly Meeting in Lon-
don of 1789, which were read in this meeting to
good acceptance.

The Committee appointed in the case of Samuel
Hill's just request, inform that he has relinquished
his prospect of removing as mentioned in the
minutes of last monthly meeting, whereupon
said Committee are dismissed.

The minutes of the Appointment of Servers &
Servers of the poor not being present, the Sub-
ject is referred to Jonathan Condon in
whose care the former Minutes of this Meetg,
are placed for recording is desired to bring the
minutes of the above Appointments to next
Monthly Meeting.

The preparative meeting of Smith's informs
that George Smith has removed to live within
the limits of Dartmouth monthly Meeting &
desires a Certificate. Benjamin Smith, Moses
Brown, and John Holden are appointed to make
the necessary Inspection respecting his said remo-
val and report to next monthly meeting.

John Collis, Hodge Brown, Augustus Ephraim
are appointed to consider what place, it is most
convenient that the Meeting shall hold at our Friend
David Harris deceased, in future be fixed and
report to next monthly meeting.

The Preparative Meetings are desired to continue
in their freedom for the raising of this Meeting.

1790 proportion of the Yearly Meeting Stock, (viz) 2nd s. Also to ex-
10^m tend their Subscription to 9 pounds for supplying the
Treasury. c

A Monthly Meeting of Friends at Providence the
24th of the 11th m^o. 1790. The Representatives from the
Preparative Meetings are, Smithfield Azar Arnold
& Rufus Smith, Providence Levi Hunt & Jos. Randall
present.

The Committee appointed to consider of what
place it is most suitable that the Meeting lately held at
the House of our Friend David Steer's Deceased Report,
is follows

We of the Committee to consider of holding the
Meeting heretofore held at David Steer's, having at-
tended that meeting & conferred with Friend Thos Report,
as our Opinion it may be well to continue the Meet-
ing at the same House, and Friends there uniting
there with it is proposed to be held at the House
of the late David Steer's Dec- on 5 and 1st days next,
and then at Elisha Steer's the next 5 and 1st days and
so alternately Unless when there are 5 first days in a month
then at the said House of David Steer's, two first days
going as usual in his life time. —

First day 31. 10^m. 1790.

Wm. Brown.

Augustus Lapham.

Which is Accepted and the said Meeting di-
rected to be held Accordingly. c

The Minutes of the Appointment of the Overseers
And Overseers of the Poor being present, and it appearing
that the time for which the Overseers were appointed is elapsed
John Holden, Azar Arnold, Elisha Steer, Elisha Brown
Jr. Thomas Arnold, & Benjamin Smith are appoint

1790 Appointed Overseers for the Year ensuing.

~~It m.~~ - It also appearing that the time for which the Overseers of the poor is likewise elapsed, David.

Anthony, Augustus Sapham, Joseph Tatum, are appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing.

The Committee appointed in the Case of George Henry's request inform, they have paid some Attention to their Appointment, but are not yet ready to report. That matter ~~that matter~~ is however continued under their Care, they to report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meetings in Town they have entered into a Subscription as recommended last Month but not completed, they are desirous to continue their Attention to the Subject untill the same be completed and then to report.

Reuben Smith, Smith Brown, Moses Davis, Augustus Sapham, Isaac Arnold, Cyril Wilkenson are appointed to Consult with the Friends Appointed to have the Care of this Meeting House and Yard respecting the best mode of securing the Yard and keeping it and the Meeting House in repair, and report what shall appear to them best upon the Subject, to Next monthly Meeting. in the mean time the Friends for mosty appointed to this Care proceed according to their Advice.

Joseph Tatum is appointed to read the Testimony of the denial of Jacob Smith at the Meeting at Waintham and Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

② At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
for Providence the 29th of 12^m 1790. The Representatives
from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield
Rufus Smith & Jeremiah Wilkimon, Providence
Caleb Greene & Amos Turner, present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers
thence from the Preparative Meetings, from which general
Answers were compiled and directed to be presented to
the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives, who are,
Elisha Hare, Smith Brown, Azar Arnold.

The Committee appointed respecting the Meeting
House and Yard at Providence report, as follows,

We the Committee appointed to consider of and advise
with the Friends who have the care of the Meeting House
and Yard at Providence of the best method of repairing
and keeping the same in Order have attended to the
Matter and advised them accordingly, and think
best that the Gates and Yard be kept shut in
future except on Meeting days, and that some
other way be provided for getting into the School Room,
if the Meeting thinks best that a School be continued
there.

Signed by direction and on behalf of
The Committee By Smith Brown
12^m 2^d 1790.

Which is received and the same referred to next Monthly
Meeting for Friends further Consideration.

The Committee in the case of George Almy's
request reported to certify which is as follows,

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The Preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform that Nathan Greene, Jr. is laying his Intentions of Marriage with Virginia Arnold before this Meeting, he accordingly after procuring a Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, telling forth his Cleanness to proceed in Marriage as aforesaid, they appeared at this Meeting and proposed their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which is noticed, and they desire to come to Next Monthly Meeting for an Answer.

Quincy Preparative Meeting Inform that Jesse Paddy, Jr. is laying his Intentions of Marriage with Sarah Comodon before this Meeting, accordingly after this, procuring a Certificate from Newbridge Monthly Meeting, testifying his Cleanness to proceed in Marriage as aforesaid they appeared at this meeting and proposed their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which is noticed and they desire to come to Next Monthly Meeting for Answer.

The Treasurer of this Meeting is hereby directed to pay to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer 2nd 1/2. this Meeting.

1790 Proposition of said Meetings, Stock &c.
12m^o.

Joseph Barnum not having read the Testimony of the
denial of Jacob Smith as desired at last Month's
Meeting, the reading of it is continued under his care
and is desired to read the same between this and Nov.
Monthly Meeting then Report —
with Brown, as is usual. See Testimony re-
pointed to make the necessary provision, for Friends
Houses at the Enquiry Quarterly Meeting, and paid for
the meeting house and Report the Expense is our
Meeting in this Month.

1791 A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Pro-
vidence the 2^d of the 1st Mo^o 1791. The Representatives
from the Preparative Meetings are joined with wit-
ness Samuel Hill and Timothy Greene, Providence.
John Alorton & Reuben Branchard, Acworth.
A Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
in behalf of Abraham B. Baltham was read in this
Meeting and accepted and is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport for Rhode Island the 30th of 11th Mo^o 1790

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Providence
Dear Friends Abraham B. Baltham being absent
reside within the verge of your Meeting, we united our Testi-
mony, there may inform, that he several years past came from
an Antislavery Monthly Meeting, to live within the verge of
this Meeting to serve as an apprentice, and upon Enquiry we
find he has served his Master to Satisfaction, there may
certify that he is of an Orderly life and Conversation &
Clear of Marriage Engagements as far as appears, and
again we recommend him to your Christian care and
 Oversight, & Remain your Friends and Brethren Signed in
Obedience of said Meeting by — Samuel Thurston Clerk

1791 The consideration of the Report of the Committee
1 m. respecting this Meeting House and yard being returned
The further consideration of the method proposed in 3.
Report for keeping the House and yard in order is
referred to the said Committee together with Thomas
Arnolds, Benjamin Smith, John Holden, David
Anthony, William Henry, and then desired to re-
port to Next Monthly Meeting what appears to
them most eligible for this Meeting to adopt
respecting the Proposition contained in 3. report.

The Treasurer reported that he has paid 100. 00.
for the Meeting House this Meeting, proportion of 3.
Meetings Stock as directed.

Joseph Arnum informs that the Testimony
of the denial of Jacob Smith is not yet read, the
same being not found until within a few days,
he is again continued to read said Testimony and
Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Nathan Greene and Abigail Arnold appeared
at this Meeting for answer, and nothing appearing
to hinder their proceedings, they were left at liberty to
accomplish their Marriage according to the Order
Established amongst Friends, and William
Henry and Benjamin Smith are appointed to
take care that the same be decently solemnized
and Return to Next Monthly Meeting.

John Oddy and Sarah Congdon appeared at
this Meeting for answer and nothing appearing to
hinder their proceedings, they are left at liberty to
accomplish their Marriage according to the Order

1790 Established amongst Friends, and Moses Brown & Caleb
Greene, are appointed to take care that the same be
decently solemnized and report to next M^oly Meetg.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report,
they all attended according to appointment.

The Committee to make provision for Friends, hor-
ses &c. at the late Quarterly Meeting at this place re-
port, an account of the Expence amounting to
£. 6. 19. 0, which the Clerk is directed to certify to the
Quarterly Meeting, Treasurer.

Our Friend Stephen Buffington attended this
Meeting with a copy of a Minute of the Monthly
Meeting of Seekers, dated 10th of 1st M^o 1790 -
Certifying their Unity with him as a Minister
and with visiting Friends in these parts which
was read to Satisfaction.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield for Providence the 23rd of 2nd M^o 1791

The Representatives from the Separative
Meetings are from Smithfield Stephen Smith,
and Timothy Greene, Providence Caleb Greene &
David Anthony, All present.

The printed general Epistle from the Year-
ly Meeting in London was read in this Meeting
to good acceptance.

The Committee appointed to recon-
-der of and repair the most eligible method of keeping
the Meeting House and yard at Providence in order
made report, which is referred to next Monthly -

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2m Meeting for Friends consideration, and the 6th
is directed then to bring the Rules for Schools
issued at the Quarterly Meeting.

Joseph Farnum reports that the Testimony
of the Denial of Jacob Smith has been read as di-
rected by this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to attend
the Marriage of Nathan Greene and Abigail
Arnold, report, that they attended the same
and that it was in a good degree decently so-
lemnized.

The Committee appointed to attend the
Marriage of Jesse Eddy and Sarah Congdon
report that they attended the same, and that
that it was conducted orderly.

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform, they have collected and delivered
this Meetings Treasures £4. 9. 6

The Womens Meeting inform that
Abigail Comstock late Dexter hath married
out of the order established in our Society, and her
conduct in several ^{other} respects not conformable
to the Discipline of Friends, for which she has
been laboured with, and that they thought
it best to put her from under Friends care
with which this Meeting concurs, and disown
her accordingly.

The Committee appointed to the

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care of the Meeting House yard & burial Lot at Providence having been a considerable time under that appointment, they are dismissed, and Moses Brown Caleb Greene & John Holden are appointed to that service, and desired to proceed to shutting up the gates making a small one in one of them as proposed in the Committee report for consideration.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 30th of 3rd Mo 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Jos Farnum & Benjⁿ Arnold Jun^r. Providence Levi Hunt and Reuben Blanchard, all present.

Answers ^{expressed from the} to the Preparative Meetings, were rec^d. from which general answers were formed which with an account is directed to be presented to the Quarterly meeting next ensuing by our Representatives. Reuben Blanchard, Jos Farnum & Joseph Standall.

The Women's Meeting inform, that Anna well of admitting Lucia Beebe to membership with us, which is concurred with by this Meeting, and she admitted accordingly.

The Rules issued by the Quarterly Meeting for the regulations of Schools being brought by the Clerk as directed, and the Report of the Committee on this Meeting house and yard, being again considered is so far adopted, that the School Master or Masters that may be employed in the School Room be under the appointment, and the room under the direction of the School Committee.

to whom, we recommend a renewed attention and care to regulate the same, in the best manner they can agreeably to the advice of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Womens Meeting presented a Testimony of the denial of Abigail Comstock which with some amendments was approved.

The Preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform that Abraham Borden Rathbun had removed to South Timpson and request a Certificate. Timothy Greene, & Benj Arnold are appointed to make the necessary enquiry, and if things appear clear, prepare a few Lines on his behalf to be endorsed on the Certificate he lately produced to this Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting of Providence inform that Amos Turner has a prospect of removing within the verge of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and request a Certificate. Moses Brown, & Thomas Arnold & Wm Barrow are appointed to advise with him relating to the same, and if things appear clear, prepare a Certificate on his behalf and present to next Monthly Meeting.

Said Monthly Meeting also inform that Sam Brown Son of Isack Brown, was when a Child removed to the care of Friends at the request of his Mother, who soon after Deceased - he has since been left, nearly destitute of -

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Parental care among Friends, and has taken undue liberties some of which are disreputable, the time being far spent, the same is referred to next Monthly Meeting. This Meeting is informed that Dan^l Anthony Jun^r has removed & live for a time with in the Town of Greenwich Monthly Meeting. he having a right to membership, the Clerk is directed to inform the Meeting thereof, and desire their care towards him as such.

Rec^d a Copy of a Minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on behalf of Benj. Plover Certifying his right to membership, which was read and accepted.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 27th of 4th Mo. 1799 The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, Smithfield Eliza Steere & Asa Arnold, Providence Caleb Green & Wm. Barker, all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended, and procured an extract from the Quarterly Meeting Minutes relating to the Boundaries between this and the Monthly Meetings adjoining, but it not appearing to contain the line between this & Swansea Monthly Meeting, and it being thus the Meetings desire to have a Copy of the dividing Lines between the Monthly Meetings of this Quarter

Quarter, the Representatives are desired
to procure the same, and report to next Monthly
Meeting.

The Womens Meeting inform that
they much well of receiving Phoebe Louisa
to membership, who is, which is concurred
with by this Meeting, and she admitted ac-
cordingly.

The Committee in the case of Abra-
ham Barton Robinson, reported a feeble mes-
sage on his behalf, which was endorsed on the Certificate
he produced to this Meeting and Sign^d by the Clerk.

The Committee appointed to advise
with Amos Turner relating to his removal re-
ported a Certificate on his behalf which being
approved was signed by the Clerk.

The Case of Sam Brown referred at
last Monthly Meeting coming under consideration
Job Scott, Elisha Thayer & David Wilkenson, are
appointed to take the circumstances attending it
under consideration, and report to next Monthly
Meeting what appears to them best for this Meeting
to do in disposing of it.

The Preparative Meeting of
Providence inform that Caleb Greene of Bedford
proposes publishing his Intention of Marriage
with Amy Harris. Accordingly after he had
produced a Certificate from Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting certifying his cleanness to proceed as
aforesaid, with his another Parents consent. They

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appeared at this Meeting, and proposed their intentions of having each other in Marriage. - Friends take notice of their proposed intentions, and desirous them to come to next Monthly Meeting for answer.

Said Preparative Meeting also informs that Rich^d Anthony hath seen and now is keeping company in order for Marriage with a Person not a member of our Society. Whereupon Rufus Smith, Jos Congdon & Caleb Greene are appointed to labour with him on that account, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 25th of 5th Month 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Augustus Lippin & Stephen Smith, Providence David Anthony & Oliver Brown im. all present - - -

One of the Friends to whose care the procuring a Copy of the Yearly Minutes that divide the Monthly Meetings of this Quarter report that they have some attention to that matter, but have not yet rec^d the copy from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk. - They are continued to procure the same, and report to next Monthly Meeting - - -

The Committee in the case of Sam^l Brown report that they have attended to their appointment, and upon treating with him, and taking his case into consideration think best that it be referred, it is therefore referred under their care, & report to next Meeting - -

The Committee to treat with Rev^d Anthony report, that they have p^d attention to their appointment and that he appeared determined to proceed & accomplish -

his Marriage out of the order established amongst
Friends, - This Meeting apprehending themselves
clear from any further Labour with him, do disown
him & be any longer a Member of our Society until
he returns to Satisfaction. Levi Hunt & Augustus
Lapham are appointed to inform him of the doings
of this Meeting in that respect, and of his right of
appeal, and prepare a Testimony of his denial
and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Sarah Lundy attended
this Meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly
Meeting of Thimwood held at Hardwick the 20th of
A. D. 1790. Certifying her being a Member in Unity
and their concurrence with her visit to Friends in
these parts, which was concurred unto by the Quaker
Meeting of Newbury held 25th of same Month.
Also our Friend Wm. Threlwell attended with a Copy
of a Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Thaway dated
18th of 11th M. 1790 Certifying his being an Elder in Unity
and that they concurred with his accompanying
our friend Sarah Lundy in her Visit aforesaid. - - -

Caleb & Anne & Imey Harris appeared
at this Meeting for answer and nothing appearing
thence their proceeding. They are left at liberty
to pursue their Marriage agreeable to the order
established amongst Friends, and this should and
should be are appointed to take care that the same
be orderly solemnized, and report to next Monthly
Meeting.

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A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield for Providence the 29th of the 6th Mo. 1791 -

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkinson & Rufus Smith
Providence John Holden & Levi Hunt. all present

The Committee continued to procure a Copy
of the Lines that divide the Monthly Meetings in that
Quarter, procured it and is as follows -

The Committee continued at last Quarter
to settle the Lines between the Monthly Meetings made
report which is accepted and is as follows. We of the
Committee appointed to settle the Lines between the sever-
-al Monthly Meetings belonging to Rhode Island Monthly
Meeting. Report thereon as follows. That the Line between
Southwings town & Greenwich begin at Bissells Mills
from thence to the High Way that leads Westward from
the House where Abt. Eldrick formerly lived, thence by
said High Way to the Cross, High Way by which as formerly
thence a straight line to the Long road so called of
Joseph & Pooms thence on black & fair thence by said
Road to Connecticut Line, thence a course due West
to Connecticut River. That the Line between Green-
-wich & Providence Meetings begin at the mouth of Paw-
-sucket river, and run up said River by a hole above
the Falls, thence a straight line to a House in Cranston
belonging to John ^{house in Cranston} ~~elder~~, in which the Widow Day-
-nall lately lived that is belong to Providence, thence
by the cross road leading from said House towards the
Baptist Meeting House in Johnston untill it's come to
the Line between Johnston & Cranston, then Westward
by said Line dividing said Towns untill it comes to
Scituate

Scituate, thence a due West course to Connecticut River
That the line between Providence & Smithfield Monthly
Meetings run from a Saw Mill in Gloucester
belonging to Rich^d Shore a short line to the House where
Joseph Bassett lately lived, thence to Elisha Mowry's
House son of Daniel where he lately did live, thence
to the great Road leading from Providence to Waver-
-bur at a place twenty Rods southward of John
Harris, thence to the House lately belonging to William
Polly, thence to John Baileys in Cumberland
thence to James Knowles he & belong to Providence
thence to Thomas the Ind^r in Wrentham &
that a Line due West from a Saw Mill to Conne-
-cticut River divide Providence & Wabridge Monthly
Meetings through Connecticut. That the Line
between Smithfield & Wabridge Monthly Meetings
begin at the East side of Bottom, thence to Jacob Bant's
Mellian Mendore, thence to Nathan Seulings dwelling
thence to the forks of the Road a little Easterly of Joseph
Therw's House, thence to Benjamin Buffum's where
his Sons Stephens & Joshua now live, that House & be-
-long to Wabridge, thence to Innans Mills, thence up
Stream with the River to the Bridge near Cleaser Balous
thence to Joseph Shippy's Saw Mill, thence to John
Hunt's Grish Mill, thence to Jacob Wilcox's Barn, thence
to where Joseph Chace lives; he & belong to Smithfield
thence nearly a little south of David Hoppin's to
Connecticut Line thence South with Connecticut River
to Providence Monthly Meetings. That the Line
between Providence & Swansea Monthly Meetings

begin at the Mouth of Barrington River, thence to
Isaac Hunt, he & belong to Providence Monthly Meeting
thence to Hannsick Inhold's in Wrentham, on & from
thence Swansea and Smithfield Monthly Meetings are
divided by the Post Road to Boston until it comes to
Salem Quarter. That the Line dividing Swansea
& Rhode Island Monthly Meetings begin at the Mouth
of Fall River, and to continue up said River to Waltham
-per Ponds, thence to the narrows between said Ponds, thence by an
East course till it comes to Sandwich Quarter

James Smith	in Buffum
Thos Arnold	Sam Thurston
Amos Collins	Sylvester Weeks

It is nevertheless concluded that those Friends who do
or may live on the Line, and it is not expressed where they
belong, are to be at liberty to choose their own Meeting. And
in case any Person should hereafter incline to request the
care of Friends in a different Monthly Meeting than
these Lines express, the Monthly Meeting so applied to may
if nearer to them than the other Meeting, admit such per-
-son if they think proper, but in case any doubt should arise
in respect of the distance or convenience to such applying
Person, the two Monthly Meetings are to confer and conclude
as may appear best and so also in cases of Removal.

And the Care is directed to send to each Monthly
Meeting such parts of said Report as respects them
particularly, by the, infant Representatives, who are di-
rected to call on him for the same.

Copy taken from the Minutes
of a Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the
7th of 4th Mo 1791 Berry & Freeman Clk

The Committee in the case of Sam^r Throson not being ready to report, that matter is again referred under their care, - they are desired to report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to inform Rich^d. Lathrop of his Denial, and prepare a Testimony thereof, report they have informed him, and produced a Testimony of his denial, which being read and considered was approved, and signed by the Ck. And John Holden is appointed to read the same at the close of a first day Meeting, at Providence at some convenient time between this and next Monthly Meeting, - then to report.

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Caleb Greene & Amy Harris, report they attended the same, and that it was conducted in a good degree orderly.

The following Minute from the Meeting for Sufferings was received and read viz

This Meeting having rec^d. information that the History of Friends lately written and now publishing by our Friend Sam^r George is nearly completed, and being desirous that Friends may have an opportunity of supplying themselves with the same (it being represented to us to be a valuable performance) we recommended Friends to enter into a Subscription and forward it this Meeting. The number of sets i. e. likely may be wanted by Friends and others, which when rec^d. this Meeting will take care to procure, the price being as near as we can collect about of each Volume four of which make a Set. We are also informed that the Bible now printing

by Isaac Collins is likewise nearly completed, Friends are therefore desired to pay attention & promote subscriptions for so necessary a work, and which we are informed appears to be correctly printed, and send the Number subscribed by Friends and others, to the Person mentioned in our former recommendation.

Also that the Books called Peep from the are now ready to be deliv^d, such Friends therefore as have subscribed, or have a mind to have them, may receive them by calling on the Friend appointed to receive the Book is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting.

Extracted from the Minutes of a Meeting for Sufferings held at Greenwich the 9th of the 1st Month.

Thomas Arnold Clerk

And also Samuel Rufus Smith, of New York, Ebenezer Bowen Jun^r are appointed to receive such Subscriptions as may be made for either the Books mentioned in it and forward the same as therein directed.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 27th of 1st Mo 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Sam^l Hill, & George Harris, from Providence Levi Hunt, & from Boston John all present.

The Women's Meeting inform that they are about admitting Ruth Applin to membership with us, which has nothing to concern us with, and she is admitted accordingly. The Queries and Answers sent from the Preparative Meetings were read and answers to the

Quarterly Meeting formed, which with an account & some
Motions is decided to be presented by our Representatives
who are Joseph Randall, Rufus Smith, & Jeremiah
Witherson.

The Committee in the case of Sam Brown not
having had an opportunity with him since last Meeting
that matter is again referred under their case, they
to report to next Monthly Meeting.

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8m) A Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the
24th of 8th Mo 1791. The Representatives from the Proprietary
- Meetings are: from Smithfield August Lapham
& Wm Arnold. Providence Moses Davis & Caleb
Greene all present.

The Representatives appointed to
attend the last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all
attended, and reported a Transcript of our last year's
Meeting Epistle, with an extract from the Minutes
of said Meeting, which was read in this Meeting
to good acceptance; and Wm. Amos Obadiah
Brown are appointed to insert the Article of Disci-
- pline respecting Marriage in the Books of Discipline
belonging to this Meeting under the Head Marriage
and report to next Meeting.

They also presented the follow-
- ing Minute of the Quarterly Meeting viz

The recommending Subscriptions to supply this
Meeting's Treasury coming again under consideration
it is concluded that the sum of \$1.00 be raised
for that purpose and the several Monthly Meetings

are desired to subscribe thereto in their freedom and for-
ward the Treasurer an account thereof to our next Quarter
and the Clk is directed to send to each Monthly Meeting
a Copy of this Minute.

Extract from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 11th & 18th Mo. 1798
by Benjamin Freborn Clerk

In consequence of which this Preparative Meetings are
desired to send a Subscription in their freedom and
forward an account of the same to our next Meeting -

The Womens Meeting presented a report of a Com-
mittee of their Meeting appointed to visit Hannah Within-
son requesting her keeping company on account of her
marriage with a Person not of our Society, and desired the
Advice of this Meeting, whereupon Rufus Smith Elisha
Stearns Augustus Lapham & Thomas Arnold are appoin-
ted to ~~write~~ write with the women in the consideration of her Labour
which the case may require, and report to our next Monthly
Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Brown
having paid attention to their appointment, but not being
ready to report, they are continued under that appoint-
ment, and desired to report to next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting being informed by Dan Cushman
that his son William is gone to reside within the
Verge of Greenwich Monthly Meeting. He being a
Member of this Meeting the Clerk is directed to send a Copy
of this Meeting to that Meeting, that their care may be extended
towards him as such.

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Providence the 28th of 9th Mo 1795

Two Representatives from the Preparative
meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Farnum and
Elisha Pierce, from Providence Joseph Handall
& Daniel Minors all present.

The Clerk being absent Thomas
Arnold is appointed Clerk this day.

Answers to the Queries from
the Preparative Meetings were read in this, and
general answers agreed to which are directed to be forward-
ed to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives here-
after named.

The Women's Meeting inform that they
have agreed to accept Hannah Tipton Daughter
of Ruth under care of Friends, at the request of her
Mother, if this Meeting concurs, and this Meeting
having no objection, she is accordingly accepted.

The Friends appointed at last Meeting to
enter the Article of Discipline respecting Marriage in
the Book of Discipline being both necessarily absent
that matter is continued to next Monthly Meeting.

No returns having been made from the
Preparative Meetings respecting Subscription recommended
they are desired to attend to it.

The Committee all but one appointed
to join the Women's Committee in the case of Hannah Whit-
tenson made report that they have an opportunity with
her Parents, and with Her, - that she appeared determined
to go out in marriage - that her Parents informed

When the matter had gone so far before they knew it, they thought
it unsafe to forbid it. - Whereupon this Meeting referred to
the Womens Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Sam Brown
report, that they have paid attention to that matter, but not
having an opportunity with him, that matter is continued
under their care, they to take an opportunity with him, and
report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Women inform they have concluded
to disown Anna Chace, with which this Meeting concurs.

This Meeting is informed by way of Smiths
Preparative Meeting, that Christopher Thayer is keeping
company with a young woman not a member of our Society
and contrary to the advice of their Friends, whereupon Levi
Hunt, Dan Anthony, and Augustus Lapham, are
appointed to labour with him in that respect, and report
to next Monthly Meeting.

Said Meeting also informs that
Benjⁿ Sother is removed within Dartmouth Monthly Meeting
and requests a Certificate, whereupon Jeremiah Wilbur
& Sam^l Hill, are appointed to make the necessary enqui-
ry, and if nothing appears to hinder, prepare a Certificate
and bring to next Monthly Meeting.

Providence Preparative Meeting in-
form that Elisha Dowers proposed Laying his intentions
of marriage with Susannah Hawkes before this Meeting
and they appeared in this Meeting and declared their
accordancy, and were directed to come to next Monthly Meeting
for Answer, and Elisha Dowers & Benjⁿ Smith
are appointed to enquire into his cleanness respecting

Marriage engagements, and report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting appoints Smith Brown
Aza Arnold, and Sam. Hill, their Representatives
to attend the next Quarterly Meeting, and to make
report of their attendance & next Monthly Meeting

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A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Socordene the 26th of 1st Mo. 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are, from Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkenson &
Rufus Smith, Socordene Reuben Blanchard & W^m
Barker,

The Committee appointed to insert the Arti-
-cle of Discipline contained in the yearly Meeting's at-
-tachment report, that, that service is not fully performed. They
are continued to effect it, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Several of the Committee appointed to
take an opportunity with Sam Brown, report they have
had an opportunity with him, and from the disposition
of mind he manifested at the Interview, they are of opi-
-nion that it will be best he be put from under Friends
care, which is accepted, and this Meeting apprehending
themselves clear of any further Labour, disown him ac-
-cordingly. - -

The Committee appointed on the Complaint
of Channing, their things disorderly keeping, report
that he did not appear disposed to discontinue his keep-
ing. Nevertheless this Meeting considering his Nonage

desire the Committee, to take another opportunity, and labour
further with him on that account, and report to next Monthly
Meeting. The Womens Meeting inform, that they have concluded
to disown Hannah Slater late Withersons, with which this Meeting
concurs, and she is disowned accordingly. -

They also presented a Testimony of
the Denial of Anna Chase, which, with some alteration
was approved by this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare
a Certificate for Benj. Potter, reported a few Lines which were
adopted and signed by the C. M.

The Committee appointed to inspect into
the Clearings of Ebenezer Bowen report, that they have made
inspection, and that nothing appears to hinder his proceeding
in Marriage with Susanna's Daughters, and they appearing
for Answer. - They are left at Liberty to accomplish
their Marriage agreeable to the order of a Letter among
Friends and Mr. Bartholomew Dan. Anthony & Miss Davis
are appointed to take care that the same be decently
solemnized and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Representatives appointed to attend
the last Quarterly Meeting inform they are attend, and re-
ported that this Meeting's appointment of the quarterly & Quarter-
ly Meetings took, viz for the first - 3. 4. 5 - the last - 13
which the Preparative Meetings are desired to raise - -

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that our Friend Jos. Scott, has a prospect of making
a religious visit to the Inhabitants of the State of Con-
necticut, and forwarded the same for consideration. - The same
concern being also opened in this Meeting by Jos. who -

who further mentions his concern might lead him to some
further plans adjacent, which meeting the good attention of Friends
and being in some measure considered, is referred for fur-
ther consideration to next Meeting.

A Certificate on behalf of Edward
Living from Sandwich Monthly Meeting was read in and
accepted by this Meeting.

A Certificate on behalf of John
Perry from South Fylingthorn Monthly Meeting was read in
this Meeting, but it not containing an account of his State
at the time the Certificate was given, nor mentions any
care being taken to inspect his Circumstances and
conduct, &c. &c. &c. Thomas Arnold & Wm
Perry are appointed to receive said Certificate & send
it to the Monthly Meeting, informing them that for want of
that care being expressed this Meeting is not free to ac-
-cept it.

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At a Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence the 23rd of 11th Mo. 1791

The Representatives from the Providence
-shire Meetings are from Smithfield Stephen Smith &
-bury & Wm. J. Providence David Anthony & Pea-
-ben Blanchard The Committee continued to insert
the Article of Discipline in the Books of Discipline
and report that the same is performed.

The Committee appointed to
attend the Marriage of Elizabeth Brown & Susannah
Hawks report the same was conducted in a good degree
orderly.

The Committee continued to Labour with Christopher Henry
report in writing as follows.

According to appointment we have
had an opportunity with Christopher Henry which was of pretty
good Satisfaction. He informed us that he had given up his pros-
pect company Shipping, and Timothy Greene being present
at the opportunity who like wife informs us that he was fully
satisfied that Christopher had given up his said prospects -

Daniel Anthony -

Augustus Lapham

Levi Hunt -

which is accepted, and as an encouragement to the dispo-
-sition of mind manifested by his relinquishing his prospects
and adhering to the advice of Friends, the meeting concludes
& passes by the office.

The Womens Meeting presented a Testi-
-mony of the Denial of Hannah Slater which was so far ap-
-proved as to be left to the Women

They also presented a communica-
-tion from the Monthly Meeting of Long Plain respecting Abi-
gail Walker, and desiring this Meeting's assistance, in procuring
in consequence thereof. Whereupon Thomas Arnold Augustus
Lapham & Caleb Greene are appointed to assist the Women
agreeable to their request, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The consideration of the prospect of our Friend
Job Scott, in regard to his making a religious visit to the
Inhabitants of the State of Connecticut coming again before
the Meeting. - - - - - Joseph Brown Levi Hunt Elisha Pease Benj.
- - - - - Arnold Thomas Arnold Abel Wetherston & Mr. Henry
are appointed to take a good opportunity of conference

with Job and to further consider of his prospects, and if way
opens, prepare a Certificate on his behalf and report to
next Monthly

The Committee appointed to write to South Kings-
town Monthly Meeting notifying John Berrys Certificate
inform they have wrote as directed but have not yet had
an opportunity of forwarding it, they are therefore com-
mitted to do so, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that Enock Dye hath departed from the order
and Discipline of Friends, in Dress and Address, and
hath appeared in a Town Band under Arms for
which he hath been laboured with, whereupon David
Anthony, Joseph Farnum & Augustus Lapham are
appointed to further Labour with him on these accounts
and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meetings inform
they have begun subscriptions as recommended at last
Monthly Meeting, - they are desired to proceed to complete
the same and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The time for which the Clerk of this
Meeting was appointed to serve being expired, John
Golden, Benj^m & Oziel Witherson are appointed to con-
fer with some suitable Friend to serve as Clerk hereafter
ensuing, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 28th of 12th 1791
The Representatives from the Preparative

Meetings are from Smithfield Elizabeth Witherspoon & Eliza
Stear, from Providence Joseph Randall & David Anthon-
-ny, all present. The Committee appointed to name some
Friend to serve the Meetings as Clerk for the year ensue-
-ing, proposed the reappointment of William A. Brown which
being approved he is reappointed accordingly.

A Certificate on behalf of John Brown
from the Monthly Meeting of Pembroke was read in this
Meeting and accepted.

The Queries were read and answers
thereto from the Preparative Meetings, from which general
Answers were formed, which with an account of the Quar-
-terly Meeting was signed by the Clerk and is directed to be
presented to the next Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives
Peuben Blanchard & Augustus Lapham

The Committee appointed to assist
the Women in the case of Abigail Walker presented
a report, which being considered the Meeting concurred
they should be better able to act usefully by some further
encouragements being used by the Committee in investiga-
-ting the Subject. It is therefore continued for the purpose
aforesaid, and report to next the Meeting.

The Committee appointed to Labour
with Enoch Dye made report, but it being not suffi-
-ciently explicit of their sense and judgment respecting
what was best to be done in that case. They are

therefore continued for that purpose, and to report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee continued to forward what
was written to South Kingsdown Monthly Meeting report
that the same forwarded.

The Preparative Meeting of Provi-
dence inform that Robert Hastings, desired a Certi-
ficate expressive of his cleanness & proceed in Marriage
with Hannah Anthony a Member of Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting. Whereupon Timothy Greene & Smith
Brown are appointed to make the necessary inspection
and if things appear clear, prepare a certificate on his
behalf and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting
inform they have raised £6. 9. 10 towards the Year-
ly Meeting and Quarterly Meetings South and Pro-
vidence that they have raised £5. 11. 3 for the like
purposes.

The Committee appointed to further con-
sider of the concern of our Friend Jos. Scott, presented an
Copy of a Certificate on his behalf which being approved
was signed by a number of Friends in and on behalf
of the Meeting, and is forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
for their concurrence.

David Anthony & Levi Hunt are
appointed to make the necessary provision for the accom-
modation of Friends who are at the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting to be held at Providence, and report the expense
thereof to next Monthly Meeting.

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The Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay the
Treasurers of the yearly & Quarterly Meetings this Meeting's
proportion of said Meetings Town. The first = 3. 6. 4
the Last = 9. 13.

A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence the 25th of 1st Mo. 1792.

The Representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Benjamin Smith, & Stephen
Smith, from Providence Henry Russell & Joseph Congdon
& all present excepting Jonathan Congdon whose ab-
sence at this Meeting is unexcused is Indistinctness of
Body.

The Committee in the case of Abigail Warner
inform they have paid some attention to that matter but
not accomplished the service of their appointment, - they
are therefore continued to effect the same, and report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Snow
Dye not being yet ready to report, - that in other is a -
gain deferred under their care they to report to next Month-
ly Meeting.

The Committee appointed upon the request of
Robert Hastings, reported a Certificate on his behalf which
was approved and Signed by the Ck.

The Committee to make the necessary provi-
-sion for Friends Horses reported the expense thereof being
£15. 5, which the Ck is directed to Certify to the Quarterly
Meetings Treasurer,

The Preparative Meeting of

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2^m Providence inform that John Landon request a
Certificate of Rhode Island Meeting certifying his
cleanness & peace in Marriage with Anna Landon
a Member of that Meeting whereupon David An-
thony & John Holden are appointed to make the nec-
essary Inspection, and if nothing appears to obstruct prepare
a Certificate on his behalf and report to next Monthly
Meeting. An Endorsement on a Copy of a Minute
from Greenwich Monthly Meeting which this Meeting gave
John & Anthony Junr. was read in and accepted by this
Meeting.

This Meeting received a few Lines from
South Freetown Monthly Meeting accompanying
the Return of John Derrys Certificate both of which
are committed to the consideration of Primos Amos & H. S.
Brown & Joseph Conydon who are desired to report their
sense and Judgment, thereon after obtaining such infor-
-mation by a Personal interview or Correspondence as they
may be able to collect, and to desire his attendance at our
next Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer of this Meeting re-
-ports that he has paid this Meeting's proportion of the
yearly & Quarterly Meetings Book as directed

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 22^d of 2^d mo. 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield Joseph Tarnum & Augustus Lapham
from Providence Woodbur & Constance, from Abury.

The Committee continued in the case of Hyacinth Walker inform that the service intended by their appointment is not yet accomplished, they are therefore again continued, and desired to report at next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee continued in the case of Inock Lye report that it is their judgement that he be put from under Friends care as a Member, with which this Meeting concurs, and he is disowned accordingly, and John Holden & Smith Brown are appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting respecting him, and prepare a Testimony of his Denial, and report at next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in consequence of John Lawtons request reported a Certificate on his behalf which with some addition was approved of this Meeting and signed by the Clerk.

The Committee appointed to consider of the communications from South Kingstown respecting John Berry, report that they have had an opportunity with him and from the Information therein they have been able to collect, it is their judgement, it will be best to accept the Certificate on his behalf which is concurred with and this Certificate accepted accordingly.

The Preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform that Lemuel Chau requests a Certificate of removal for himself and Family directed to accept Monthly Meeting. — Augustus Lapham and Benjamin Smith are appointed to make the necessary inspection, and if things appear clear prepare a

a few lines on his behalf and a report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Saints General Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting in London was read in this Meeting to good acceptance.

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 25th day of the 3^d M^o 1792--

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Benjamin Smith & Eliza Moore, from Providence John Davis & William Barber, all present excepting William Barber who soon after appeared.

Our Friend Jos. Scott having performed a religious visit & some parts of the State of Connecticut, returns to certify that he has from this Meeting for that purpose. The Committee appointed in the case of Enoch De reported a testimony of his denial which was approved and by order of the Meeting signed by the Clerk, but they not having informed him of the designs of this Meeting respecting him - they are continued & give him that information, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Abigail Walker made the following report, viz. To the Monthly Meeting next to be held at Providence. - "We of the Committee appointed in the case of Abigail Walker, have had an opportunity with her, respecting the matter sent from Sandwich Monthly her husband also being present - and after considering the circumstances of the case as far as we have been able to investigate the same. It appears to us that said Monthly Meeting of Sandwich, may be informed that Friends

here will be satisfied that a Certificate be forwarded in behalf
of the said Hequil Walker if that Monthly Meeting thinks well
of it. otherwise if that Meeting have any further light to commu-
-nicate in respect to the case, that this Monthly Meeting are
ready to further consider the same, all which is submitted to
the Monthly Meeting

Augustus Lapham

Caleb Greene

Thomas Arnold

Elizabeth Arnold

Lydella Wilkenson

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which is accepted and the Clerk is directed to forward same
with this Minute to Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed upon the request of
Samuel Chase reported a Certificate for himself & Family
viz. his wife & Son Adam which being approved was signed
by the Clerk.

The Preparative Meeting of Trumbull inform
that George Harris requests a Certificate to Dartmouth Month-
ly Meeting in order to proceed in Marriage with Martha
Greene a Member of that Meeting. Whereupon Augustus
Lapham & Sam^l Hill are appointed to make the necessary
inspection, and if their appears no objection prepare a
few Lines in his behalf and report to next Meeting.

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that
Nathan Spencer, proposes laying his intention of Mari-
-age with Ruth Anthony Daughter of Dan^l & Anthony
accordingly after he had produced a Certificate from Trum-
-bull Monthly Meeting certifying his cleanness among
them & moved as aforesaid with Parents consent. They appeared
in this Meeting, and proposed their intentions of taking

each other in Marriage, which is noted, and they decided
to come to come to next Monthly Meeting for answer. And
the Clerk is directed to inform said Meeting that it is the
desire of this Meeting that on future similar occasions
they more expressly attend to our Discipline in gran-
-ting such Certificates. - that they be expressive of
Parents consent, and that the Friend on whose behalf
the Certificate is given stands clear not only of Mari-
-age engagements within the verge of his own
Monthly Meeting but upon enquiry appears to stand
clear to proceed in Marriage with the Person with whom he
has contracted belonging to the Monthly Meeting to which
the Certificate is decided, as the design of these Certificates
is to supersede the necessity of any further enquiry, and
upon the credibility of which it is that the Fathers are
allowed to pass so far as respects the person recommen-
-ded

Said Preparative Meeting also inform that
Job Scott desires Certificates for his Children Name-
-ly Abel Sarah & Mary who have removed to South Tyn-
-stown Monthly Meeting and for Lydia & Abigail North-
-Ly Meeting of which the womens Meeting are informed and
John Holman & Smith Brown is appointed to assist in
preparing a few Lines on their behalf and present to
next Monthly Meeting
Answers to the Queries from
the Preparative Meeting were presented to this

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Meeting from which general Answers were formed which with an account of the Quarterly Meeting was signed by the Clerk and are directed to be presented to said Meeting by our Representatives John Holden, William Hony & Saml. Arnold

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 25th of 4th Mo. 1792--

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Rufus Smith & Jeremiah Wilkenfor, from Providence Elisha Bowen Jun^r & Levi Hunt all present except Levi Hunt

The Committee continued to inform each Day of the doings of this Meeting respecting him, reporting that they have informed him thereof

The Clerk is continued to forward a Copy of the Minute of this Meeting & in the Case of Abigail Walker, he has nearly as yet accomplished that service.

The Committee appointed in the Case of George Harris's Request reported a Certificate on his behalf which being approved was Signed by the Clerk.

Nathan Spencer and Ruth Anthony appeared at this Meeting for Answer, and nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding--they are left at Liberty to accomplish their marriage agreeable to the order established amongst Friends, and Benjamin Smith & William Hony are appointed to take care that that the same be orderly solemnized, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Women's Meeting inform that they had concluded to disown Hannah Brown, with which this Meeting concurs, and she is disowned accordingly.

The Committee appointed to assist in preparing a few Bibles for John Scott's children, presented Certificates agreeable to their appointment which were approved, and that for the Male children Signed by the Clerk. The Preparative Meeting of Providence inform that Isaac Gossion son of Joseph was keeping company as they apprehended in order for Marriage with a person not a Member of our Society, for which he had been laboured with by the Overseers. Whereupon Rufus Smith Augustus Lapham & Dan^l. Anthony are appointed to further labour with him on that account, and take an opportunity with his Parents, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Said Preparative Meeting also inform that our Friend John Scott had acquainted them with a prospect which for some time past had attended his mind of endeavouring to perform a Religious Visit to Friends in Europe, and he solemnly opening in some in this Meeting which being considered of, and Friends feeling united with his concern, Eliza Storer, Moses Brown Benjamin Smith, David Anthony Jeremiah Witherson, Thomas Conover & John Holden are appointed to take

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sider of his prospects, and if way opens prepare a Certifica-
-te on his behalf, and report to next Monthly Meeting or
when their service is accomplished.

At a Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence the 30th of 5th M^o 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield Rufus Smith, & Benjamin Smith
from Providence Moses Davis & Joseph Randall all
present.

The Clerk informed that not any opportunity
had occurred since last Monthly Meeting to his knowledge
of Sending the Papers respecting a bygone Matter, - He is
still continued to forward the same and report to next Monthly
Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Isaac Cong-
don made the following report, viz. We the Committee
appointed to labour with Isaac Congdon have had
an opportunity with him, and do not discover any
disposition in him to relinquish his project of com-
pany keeping in order for Marriage with a Person
not of our Society, and we likewise had an oppor-
-tunity with his Father, who with us was united in
sentiments that further labour with Isaac in his
present disposition would not be useful.

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Augustus Lapham
Dan^l Anthony

To the Monthly Meeting next the Rufus Smith
held at Providence

which is agreed, and this Meeting approaching

themselves clear of any further labour with him on that account, disown him to be any longer a Member of our Religious Society, and John Holden and Smith Brown are appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting respecting him, and prepare a Testimony of his Denial and report thereof Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to attend the Marriage of Nathan Spencer & Ruth Anthony report that they attended according to appointment, and that the same was solemnized in a good agreeable order.

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A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 27th of 6th Mo. 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield 15, viz
Ezra & Jeremiah Withersore from Providence
Henry Russell & Smith Brown, all present.

The Clerk informs that he has forwarded the Minutes & Committee's report on the Case of Abigail Wheeler to Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Testimony of the Denial of Isaac Congdon, and to inform him of the doings of this Meeting respecting him, report that they have informed him and presented a Testimony of his Denial but it appearing to need some amendment, they are continued for that

for that service, and to report it out. Monthly Meeting

A Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Coruell from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting was read in and accepted by this Meeting

Our Friend George Churchman acceptably attended this Meeting. - his Certificate having been lately produced to the yearly Meeting it was thought not necessary now to be again produced.

Our Friend Job Scott informed this Meeting that for some time past he had had drawings in his mind to pay a Religious Visit to Friends in Salem Quatter, and thought he should not be clear without informing this Meeting thereof, which being so lately considered, and this Meeting feeling strongly & sympathizing with him in his concern, and the Womens Meeting also concurring with us therein. he is left at liberty to pursue in the service aforesaid as his way may open in the Truth he being a Minister in good esteem amongst us, and the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute

The Womens Meeting inform that they have laboured with Elizabeth Arnold Daughter of Samuel Arnold on account of her deviation in several respects from our Discipline and feel themselves at liberty to disown unity with her as a Member, and no objection appearing - the Meeting concurs with them therein, and she is disowned accordingly. A Certificate on behalf of Sarah Harkness Wife of Rob^t Harkness from the Monthly Meeting of

Rhode Island, was read and accepted

Our Friend Joseph Tarnum expressing
in this Meeting a freedom to accompany our Friend Jo.
Scott, in some part of his Religious Visit to Friends in
Salem Quarter, and this Meeting approving thereof
he being a Friend in good esteem among us, The Clerk
is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute-

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Sept. 20th } A Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence the 25th of the 4th mo 1792

The Representatives from the Prepara-
-tive Meetings are from Smithfield Rufus Smith and
Samuel Hill, from Providence William Barker &
Elihu Bowen for all present,

The Committee appointed to prepare
a Testimony of the Death of Isaac Congdon reported
report an essay which being approved was adopted and
by order of the Meeting signed by the Clerk.

The Queries were read in this Meeting
and answers compiled which with an account of the Quar-
terly Meeting was signed by the Clerk, and directed to be
presented to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our Repre-
sentatives Benjamin Smith, Moses Davis & Wm. Barker.

The Committee appointed to consider of
the prospects of our Friend Jo. Scott relative to his performing
a Religious Visit to Friends in Europe inform that they
have paid attention to their appointment but was not
yet opened for them to report a Certificate, the subject is still
continued under their care together with Joseph Tarnum

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Joseph Randall, Caleb Greene Rufus Smith, & William
Army, who are to unite in the further ^{con.} consideration thereof and
report to next Monthly Meeting.

The time for which the Overseers and
Overseers were appointed to serve being expired the consider-
-ation of the re-appointment men^t for those services for the
year ensuing is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting being sorrowfully affec-
-ted with the account that David & our Members fall
into the reproachful conduct of Slipping, in our Religious
-teelings. The Visitors & Overseers are desired to pay at-
-tention to these deficiencies and labour for the re-
-formation of such.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 29th of 8th 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting
from Smithfield Sam. Hill & George Harris from Providence
Thomas Arnold & Joseph Randall all present. -

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that David Thompson had appeared at that
Meeting, and requested to be admitted to Membership
with Friends, - he also appeared at this Meeting and
signifying the same which being considered Augustus
-Latham Joseph Farnum & Eliel Wilkenson are appointed
to take a solid opportunity with him and endeavour to dis-
-cover the motives of his request, and his suitableness to be
received as a Member and report their sense & judgment
thereon to next Monthly Meeting if ready, if not to re-
-port on the 10th next.

said Preparative Meeting also inform that Charles-
-Holden appeared at that Meeting, and requested to be
admitted to membership with Trinos - he also appeared
at this Meeting and signified the same, which being
considered, Benjamin Smith, Thomas Arnold
Samuel Hill & Jo Scott are appointed to take a
-other opportunity with him and endeavour to dis-
-cover the motive of his request, and his suitableness
to be received as a Member, and report their sense
and Judgment thereon to our Monthly Meeting.

The Womens Meeting inform that they
were united in disowning Phoebe Paim late Sister
for marrying contrary to the order established among Friends
and no objection appearing - this Meeting concurs with
them therein, and she is disowned accordingly

The following Minutes from the Quarter-
-ly Meeting was received and read viz. "The matter
referred from last Quarter respecting the expense of Building
the Meeting house at Gloucester coming again under
consideration, and the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield
inform at this time that said House was finished, the expense
of which is £ 116. 14 all of which had been paid by that
Meeting excepting £ 32. 10 the several monthly Meetings are
therefore desired to contribute in their freedom towards
discharging the remaining sum and forward to that
Meeting and an account thereof to next Quarter: and
the Clerk is directed to send each Monthly Meeting a
copy of this Minute

Extracted from the

Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth
the 9th of the 8th Mo. 1792 Benjamin Freberne Clerk.

The sum of fifty pounds is concluded to be raised
to supply this Meeting Treasury and the several Monthly
Meetings are desired to contribute thereto in their freedom
and forward to the Treasurer, and an account thereof to
next Quarter and the Clerk is directed to send each
Monthly Meeting a Copy of this Minute Extracted from
the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting above said

Benjamin Freberne Clerk.

In consequence whereof the Preparative Meetings
are desired to contribute in their freedom towards making
up said deficiency due for Building the Meeting House
at Gloucester, and for supplying the Quarterly Meeting
Treasury, and send an account thereof to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to consider of the prospects of our
Friend, Job Scott inform that they have mostly paid atten-
-tion to their appointment but were not sufficiently ripe
to make report at this time, that matter is therefore con-
-tinued under their care, and they to report to next Meeting

The appointment of Overseers coming under
consideration Elisha Ware, John Holden, Benjamin
Smith, Jeremiah Wilkinson, Ebenezer Brownson, David
Anthony are appointed to act in that capacity for the
year ensuing. The appointment of Overseers of the
Poor also coming under consideration Joseph Randall
Joseph Farnum & Isaac Farnum are appointed

for that service for the year ensuing

The Friends who stand under the appointment of Visitors, not having made report of late and this Meeting being desirous of being informed of their progress - they are desired to report at next Monthly Meeting.

William Lapham is appointed to read the Testimony of the Denial of Elizabeth Arnold at this place and report to next Meeting.

William Tinsley is appointed to read the Testimony of the Denial of Isaac Congdon at Providence, and report to next Meeting.

Daniel Anthony is appointed to read the Testimony of the Denial of Enock Dye at Providence and report to next Meeting.

Our Friend Job Scott having returned from a visit to Salem Quarter returns the Copy of a Minute which he has from this Meeting in the E. M. B. with an Endorsement from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Salem on the 25th of 9th Mo. also an endorsement from the Monthly Meeting held at Durham dated 27th of 9th Mo. expressing their satisfaction with his Services. He also informs this Meeting that from a desire to attend our last Quarterly Meeting he had returned from his visit in Salem Quarter without attending that Quarterly and several particular Meetings. In the Verge of it

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9m. And apprehending he might be made easy if way should
open to perform what he then omitted, And this meeting
being dissolved he might have opportunity of being clear in
his own mind, freely give him up to the completion of his ser-
vices in that Quarter, or any part thereof as his way may
open in the Truth, and the Clerk is decided to give him a
copy of this Minute if desired.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Pro-
-vidence the 26th of 9th Mo. 1792 The Representatives from the
Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Parnum
& Benjamin Arnold Jun. from Providence Levi Hunt
& Henry Russell all present.

The Committee continued to consider
of the prospects of our Friend Jos Scott in performing a
Religious visit to Friends in Europe inform that they
have wholly considered the Subject, and after enquiring into
the particulars relating to his proceedings with earnest
were united in his having a Certificate, and presented
one say accordingly which being considered is approved
and Signed by a Number of Friends in this Meeting
and the same decreed to be recorded.

The Committee appointed to take an op-
-portunity with Charles Holden in consequence of his request
report that they have proceeded according to their appoint-
-ment and that it was their Judgment it would be able
to receive him as a Member which being considered
is accepted and he admitted to membership accordingly

A part of the Committee appointed as Visitors inform that some attention has been paid to their appointment but that way had not opened for that service to be fully performed. Nevertheless they are dismissed from further pursuing the object of their appointment, and the consideration of a reappointment is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

Augustus Lapham reports that the Testimony of the denial of Elizabeth Arnold was read and directed.

Dan Anthony reports that the Testimony of the Denial of Crook Dye was read and directed.

William Snow reports that the Testimony of the denial of Isaac Congdon was read as directed.

The Preparative Meetings inform that they have not proceeded to a subscription as recommended from the Quarterly Meetings being at a loss how to circulate them - they have not having been appointed. - The Treasurer of this Meeting is nevertheless desired to forward to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer 24 pounds for that Meeting's Work and three pounds to Smithfield Monthly Meeting towards building the Meeting House at Gloucester.

Joseph Farnum is appointed to read the Testimony of the denial of Phoebe Fair at Scituate and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries now read in this Meeting and answers thereto agreed on which with an account

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Jan^e } & the Quarterly Meeting was signed by the Clerk, and
directed to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting by our
Representatives Elisha Stur, Daniel Anthony & Benja-
min Smith. who are desired to report to our Monthly

Meeting. At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 24th of the 1st Mo.
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parative Meetings are from Smithfield Ezra Smith
and Jeremiah Harris from Providence John Abnerson
and Elisha Bowen for all present. The Clerk being
absent Tom Holden is appointed Clerk for the day.

One of the Representatives appointed to
attend the last Quarterly Meeting, informs that they all
attended, and exhibited to the Meeting the Epistle from
our last year's Meeting which was read in this Meeting
to satisfaction also extracts from said Meeting's Minutes
which are as follows: " This Meeting having concluded
to raise £50. stock this year, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
is desired to forward to our Treasurer £21, 7. 7 their
proportion of said Meeting's Stock.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is there-
by at Liberty to appoint, not exceeding 14 suitable Friends
as Members of the Meeting for Sufferings, and return
their Names to next year's Meeting and as soon as may
be to the Meeting for Sufferings.

It is concluded that Rhode

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the year ensuing
to be held in the same manner as last year.

Considering some inconveniences in the
quantities that have arisen in the support of some of the
necessary expenses of Society, we think it both commenda-
ble and orderly that such expenses as are necessary & be
borne by Society of Friends who have the concurrence of
the Brethren to travel on Friends account, beyond Sea, or in
foreign Parts to be paid out of the yearly Meeting's Stock
And for the expenses of those who travel on this Continent
out of the Limits of their own Quarterly Meeting.

We recommend that each Quarterly Meeting where
such Friends belong, make provision therefor. And for
the expenses of those who travel within the Quarterly Meeting
where such Friends belong we recommend that the Monthly
Meeting of which they are members, make the necessary
provision. Nevertheless when any of the foregoing
expenses or others on similar occasions, from the
largeness of the Amounts, or from other par-
ticular circumstances may be thought proper
in any Monthly or Quarterly Meeting to become
the expence of the Society at large, that the
Account thereof may be laid before the Yearly
Meeting's Audit, who may approve the same
or any part thereof as they think proper to be
paid out of this Meeting's Treasury, William Rotch Jun^r.
Copy approved — Clerk to the Meet^g this Year

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11^m } This Meeting received a Certificate of removal
from Greenwich Monthly Meeting held at Cran-
ton dated 3 of 9 M^o 1792, in behalf of Mary Gould
Wife of James Gould & her son an infant child
named Spencer, which was read & accepted —

This Meeting Orders the sum of twelve
^{including the sum heretofore recommended}
Pounds (£12) to be raised & directs the Preparative
Meetings to subscribe therefor in freedom &
pay to this Meetings Treasurer and send an
Account to the Meeting —

Joseph Farnum informs that he read the
Testimony of denial of Rhoda Farn as desired
by last Monthly Meeting —

The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting
not being present amongst the papers, the
further business therein contained, is referred
to next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Providence 28 of 11 M^o 1792, ~~the~~
The representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are, from Smithfield Levi Arnold
and Joseph Farnums from Providence Levi Hunt
& Jon^a Congdon, all present —

The consideration of the reappointment
of visitors is referred to the 1st M^o next
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The Treasurer informs that he has paid
Six pounds to the Quarterly Meeting's
Treasurer, as directed by this Meeting
in the 9th M^o. And the sum directed to
be forwarded to Smithfield Monthly Meetg
is also nearly accomplished: it is therefore
continued under the care of the Treasurer
to forward it, and to report to our next
Meeting — The preparative. Meetg
informs that attention has been paid
to the Subscription recommended at last
monthly meeting but had not completed
it — They are desired to continue
their attention to its completion & Report
to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in consequence
of David Brayton's request inform, that they
have paid some attention to their appointment,
but were not sufficiently ripe in their
judgement to make a full report at this
time: it is therefore still continued under
their care, they to report to next Monthly
Meeting. The preparative Meeting of Providence
informs that Joshua Congdon requests a Certif-
icate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Certifying
his

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his clearness to proceed in a Marriage with Sarah Bowen a Member of that Meeting Whereupon John Holden & David Anthony are appointed to take the necessary care in consequence thereof, and if he appears clear to prepare and have of a Certificate on his behalf & report to next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence 26 of 12^m 1792 - The representatives from the preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Benjⁿ Smith & Oziel Wilkenson from Providence Caleb Greene and Daniel Anthony

The Committee under whose care the request of David Brayton was continued informs that they are not yet ready to report, that matter is therefore continued with them they to report to next Monthly Meeting

A Certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting Behalf of Joseph Harris, his Wife Hepzibah & Children namely David & William dated 29 of 10^m last was read & accepted by this Meeting

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The Queries were read in this Meeting & Answers thereto from the preparative Meeting from which general Answers were formed which with an Act. to the next quarterly Meeting were signed by the Clerk & directed to be presented to said Meeting by our Representatives John Holden & Jos Harris.

Also a Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Silas Fish dated 5 of 11 M^o last, which was read in and accepted by this Meeting.

Smithfield preparative Meeting inform, by a Rect. from their Meeting's Treasurer that they have raised & paid to him six Rounds & 10s. And Providence ~~Meeting~~ preparative Meeting that they had proceeded to a Subscription & raised £4. 15 but that it was not compleated; they are desired to complete the same & deliver to this Meeting's Treasurer.

David Anthony and Joseph Randall are appointed to make provision for friends Horses at the ensuing quarterly Meeting &

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Report the expence thereof to next Monthly Meeting & in the mean time draw on this Meeting's Treasurer for the Money necessary for that purpose & if there is not a sufficiency in Stock he is desired to Hire the same on this Meeting's acct

The Committee appointed in consequence of Joshua Ingdon's request for a Certificate reported one on his behalf, which being approved was signed by the Clerk

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Dorchester 4th 30th of 1st M^o 1793

The representatives from the preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield (D) & Agas Arnold & Sam^l Hill; from Providence John & Alverson & Elihu Bowen Jun^r all present except Sam^l Hill

The printed general Epistle from the yearly Meeting held in London in the 5th Month last was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction

A Copy of a Minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Caleb

Caleb Spencer, recommending him to the care
of this Meeting as a Member, was read in &
acceptee by this Meeting —

The Committee with whom the
request of David Brayton was continued, inform
that they have paid attention to their appointment
but that all of them were not sufficiently ripe
now to make a conclusive report & proposing
that some addition be made to them, it is therefore
again continued & Danl. Anthony, Jos. Harris
& Rubin Blanchard are added to the Friends
before appointed: they to attend & jointly con-
sider the Subject & report to this Meeting
in the Third Month next —

The representatives appointed to
attend the quarterly Meeting ^{they all attended} inform &
presented a Minute from said Meeting
recommending the raising of £25, to supply
that Meeting's Treasury in addition to the
£50 heretofore recommended, our proportion
of which, as apportioned in said Minute
including £6, which this Meetg has already
raised & sent is £11.10/ which leaves £5.10/ yet

yet to be raised. The preparative Meetings
therefore are desired to proceed to a Subscription
for the same & send an Account thereof to next
Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to make provision
for friends Horses at the time of the last quarterly
Meeting, reported the expence thereof £12. 16/
which being approved, the Clerk is directed to
certify the same to the quarterly Meetings
Treasurer.

Providence preparative Meeting
informs that A. Rathburn proposes to remove
within the verge of South Kingston Monthly
Meeting & desired a Certificate for that purpose,
whereupon Caleb Greene & John Holden are
appointed to make the necessary inspection
and if things appear clear prepare an Essay
of a Certificate on his behalf & report to next
Monthly Meeting.

Said preparative Meeting also informs
that Dan. Anthony Junr requests a Certificate
to Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in order to
proceed in Marriage with Anna Spencer
a Member of that Meeting, whereupon
Smith Brown, Jon. Congdon & Wm. Flinn
are

are appointed to take the necessary care
that he stands clear and if so to prepare
a Certificate on his behalf & report to
next Monthly Meeting —

The time for which the Clerk of this
Meeting was appointed to serve being
expired, Eliha Heere & Levi Hunt are
appointed to think of some friend to serve the
Meeting for the year ensuing & nominate
him to next Monthly Meeting —

The consideration of the reappointment
of Visitors, referred to this meeting in the
11th Mo. is referred to next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Smithfield for Providence 27th of
2nd Mo. 1793 —

The representatives from the
Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield
Joseph Harris & Jeremiah Harris from
Providence Joseph Randall & Moses Davids
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Jeremiah Harris & Jos. Randal only present.
The reason of Jos. Harris' nonattendance, as
this Meetg is informed, is want of health.

The Committee to consider of & nominate a
Friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk for the
year ensuing propose the reappointment of
William & Amy, which being approved, he is
reappointed accordingly.

The Committee appointed in consequence
of Aaron Rathburn's request, presented an Essay
of a Certificate, which being read & approved
was, by order of the Meeting Signed by the
Clerk.

Smith Brown, & Moses Brown,
Joseph Farnum are appointed to view our
Records & consider of the best manner of
having our Certificates, Testimonies of denial
& papers of acknowledgement recorded, with
such other matters relating thereto, as they
may think necessary, and report to next
Monthly Meeting.

The Women's Meeting inform, that they after
labouring with Lydia Applin, late Gray, for Mar-
rying contrary to the Order established among

amongst us, have concluded to disown her
with which this Meeting concurs—and
she is disowned accordingly.

The preparative Meeting of
Smithfield inform that, Levi Hunt
proposes to lay his intentions of Marriage
with Rispah Smith before this Meeting,
and they appearing & manifesting their
intentions as aforesaid & produced their
Parents Consent, it is noticed & they are
desired to come to next Monthly Meeting
for Answer & Joseph Randall & John
Holden are appointed to make the necessary
inspection into Levi's cleanness & report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in consequence
of Dan. & Anthony Junr's request reported an
Essay of a Certificate on his behalf, which
being read & approved was by order of the Meet.
Signed by the Clerk.

The consideration of the appointment of
Visitors is referred to the 4th M^o next.

The preparative Meeting of Providence
inform, that Beriah Collins proposes removing

removing within the Verge of the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich & requests our Certificate whereupon Henry Russell & Dan^l. Anthony are appointed to make the necessary inspection and if things appear clear prepare a few lines on his behalf & present to next Monthly Meeting.

The preparative Meeting also inform that the overseers had exhibited information that several complaints had been made to them, that Joseph Congdon had failed in fulfilling his promises in regard to Trade & Business and that they had laboured with him therefor, but that it had not produced the desired effect, whereupon Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Steere, Moses Brown, Ara. Arnold & Jeremiah Harris are appointed to further, tenderly & fervently labour with him on that Account & make report to next Monthly Meeting.

Said preparative Meeting also inform that Joshua Rathburn is in the deviation in many respects from the Order & discipline of our Society, particularly in associating with vain & unprofitable Company & attending places of merriment & he having in a rude and indecent manner, also in his dress & address, for which he had been much laboured with by his Parents & friends, which has not had the desired effect, whereupon Augustus Lapham, Daniel Anthony & Smith Brown are app-

appointed to further labour with him on that account & report to next Monthly Meeting

The preparative Meetings inform that they have paid attention to the recommendations from last Monthly Meeting to supply the Quarterly Meetings Treasury but had not completed their Subscription. They are therefore desired still to attend to it & report to next Monthly Meeting —

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, the 27 of 3^m 1793 —

The representatives from the preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Stephen Smith & Samuel Hill — from Providence Henry Russell & William Barker, all present —

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Answers thereto from the preparative Meetings & general Answers to the Quarterly Meeting agreed upon —

The Committee appointed to view our records &c. being not now ready to report, that matter is continued for them to report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to inspect into the clearness of Levi Hunt inform that upon inspection he appears to stand clear to proceed in Marriage with Rispah Smith and they appearing in this Meeting and Signifying the continuation of their intentions, whereupon they are left at liberty to solemnize their Marriage agreeable to the order established among friends and Benjⁿ Smith and Joseph Randall are appointed to take care that the same be orderly solemnized and report to next monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to labour with Joseph Congdon inform they have paid attention to their appointment & had laboured with him, but were not sufficiently ripe to make a full report at this time, which being considered by this Meeting, they are continued to further labour with him and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to labour with Joshua Rathburn inform that they have had an opportunity with him, but desired the matter might be continued that they might have further opportunity with him — il

it is therefore continued accordingly
and they to report to next Monthly
Meeting —

Smithfield Preparative
Meeting inform, that they have
raised the sum of three pounds &
~~two~~ Shillings & Providence that they
have raised Three pounds, twelve shillings
& 7^d in consequence of the Subscription
recommended by this Meeting —

The Treasurer is therefore desired to pay
to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer
five pounds & ten shillings, the rem.^{te}
of this ^{Meeting's} proportion of f. & c. Meeting's Task —

The Committee appointed to further
consider David Brayton's Request inform
that they have not yet had another
opportunity with him, it is therefore
again continued, and they desired to report
to next Monthly Meeting —

An Account to the quarterly Meeting
was prepared in this Meeting & signed
by the Clerk & Sam^l Hill & Jeremiah
Wilkinson are appointed representatives
to attend that Meeting & to present the

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4m } The Account & Answers to the Queries above
mentioned —

Smith Brown informed this Meeting that he had thought whether it might not be best for himself & Family to remove within the Verge of Pembroke Monthly Meeting & desired the advice of friends and their Certificate, if it should appear best for him to remove — whereupon Joseph Harris, Joseph Randall, & Augustus Lapham, Oziel Wilkenson & John Holden are appointed solidly to confer with Smith relative to his prospects and report as the same may appear best to next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence 24th of 4 M^o 1793,

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings are Rufus Smith and Benjamin Smith — from Providence Moses Davis & Caleb Greene all present.

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The Committee appointed to view our
Records and consider of the best method
of having them kept up, report as follows,
& agreeable to appointment we have
viewed the Records, and are of opinion
that considering the small number of
our Members; The recording of Marriage
Certificates; Certificates of travelling
Friends & Certificates of removal be all
included in one Book; The Births, Deaths
& Burials in another — And the Minutes
of the Monthly Meeting, advices & conclusions
of Superiour Meetings, Testimonies of denial
and papers of acknowledgement with
such other Transactions as occur in the
course of Business be entered in one Book
and that Indexes of each Book referring
to the pages more at large be kept up
in each Book — and that the Clerk
record the minutes &c in the last
mentioned Book and a recorder be appointed
to record in the other two —

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Attest
Moses Brown
Jos. Larnum
Smith Brown

Which Report is accepted and a Moses Brown is appointed recorder for the year ensuing agreeable to the said Report —

The Committee to attend the Marriage of Levi Hunt & Kispah Smith report that they attended the same, and that it was conducted in a good degree orderly —

The Committee continued to further labour with Joseph Congdon Report, that they have laboured with him agreeable to appointment, but that he did not appear disposed to make satisfaction, Nevertheless this Meeting being desirous that Joseph may be restored to a state of mind in which he may be helped, after solidly considering his case, desire said Committee to still labour further with him & Samuel Hill, Joseph Kandal Thomas Arnold & Jeremiah Wilkenson are added to f. Committee & desired to unite with them in the labour aforesaid. s. Committee to report to next monthly Meeting —

The preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform that Benjamin Arnold Jun^r proposed to

to lay his intentions of Marriage with Rachel
Harris before this Meeting and after he had
produced his Parents consent, they appeared in
this Meeting & proposed their intentions of taken
each other in a Marriage as aforesaid, which is
noticed and they are desired to come to next
Monthly Meeting for an Answer, and Benjⁿ. Smith
& Augustus Lapham are appointed to enquire
into the cleanness of Benjamin in that respect
and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee continued to labour with
Joshua Rathburn report that they had a further
opportunity with him, That he did not
manifest any disposition of mind to make
satisfaction — Notwithstanding, from
some circumstances attending they proposed
the continuance of his case for further labour
J. Committee is therefore continued accordingly,
and Benjamin Smith is added to them, they
are desired to report to next monthly Meeting.

The Committee continued in consequence
of David Braytons request, inform that most
of them, have had an opportunity with him
since last Monthly Meeting, and it appeared
to them that it would still be best to continue
that.

that matter, it is therefore again continued under their care, they to report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to confer with Smith Brown relative to his removal, report that they think it best to leave him at liberty to remove if way opens. — And he informing this Meet.^g that he had concluded to remove, Thomas Arnold and Caleb Greene are appointed to confer with the Committee from the Women's Meeting, and if no obstruction appears, prepare a few lines for him & Family and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The following Minute was received from the Quarterly Meeting. —

Upon solidly considering the Subject respecting the Select Members of Richmond, as referred from last quarter, it is concluded, that those of Richmond & Uxbridge Monthly Meet.^g constitute a Meeting, and that it be held for the first time at Uxbridge the Second day of the Week preceeding the Quarterly Meeting —

Those of Smithfield are to be held the day before the preparative Meeting next preceeding the Quarterly Meeting —

And those of Providence are to be also held the day before their preparative Meeting preceding the Quarter, and the meetings at those times severally conclude for themselves for the future, and the Clerk is directed to send each of these Monthly Meetings a copy of this Minute.

Copy Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held the 11th & 12 of the 4th M^o 1793.

Benjⁿ. Freeborn Clerk

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This Meeting rec^d. the following Minute from the Meeting for Sufferings—

This Meeting having approved a Manuscript written by our Friend Job Scott, Entituled "The Baptism of Christ a Gospel Ordinance &c." and believing that usefulness, would be derived by its being published, have concluded that the same be printed, and recommend to the several Monthly Meetings to subscribe in freedom, for as many Copies as they may conclude to take; The Book is likely to contain 180 Octavo pages & will soon be put to press, the price to subscribers 1/4

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to send up their Subscriptions with the Money
by the time of our next yearly Meeting,
when the Book may be expected to be ready
to be delivered —

Extracted from the Minutes of a
Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence
the 11th of 1st Mo. 1793.

Thos. Arnold Clerk

In consequence where of Ezra Arnold,
Elisha Teere, Elisha Bowen Jun.^r &
Obadiah Brown, are appointed to collect
Subscriptions, and report the same to next
Monthly Meeting —

Joseph Harnum is appointed to read
at the Meeting in Providence a Testimony
of the denial of Lydia Applin, presented
to this Meeting by the Women, & report
to next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at Providence 29 of 5 Mo. 1793 — The Represent-
atives from the Preparative Meetings are from
Smithfield Rufus Smith & Joseph Harris, from Provi-
dence Joseph Randal & Obadiah Brown all present
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The Committee appointed in the Case of Joseph Congdon report that they have further laboured with him, according to appointment, but that he did not appear disposed to make satisfaction nor take friends advice in order thereto, and it not appearing that further labour was likely to be useful, and this Meeting having endeavoured to discharge their duty towards him, disown him to be any longer a Member of our religious Society, untill he shall make friends satisfaction; and Daniel Anthony and Joseph Harris are appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting respecting him & prepare a Testimony of his denial and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed to inspect into the clearness of Benjamin Arnold Jun^r report, that upon inspection nothing appearing to hinder his proceeding to accomplish his Marriage with Rachel Harris, and they appearing in this Meet^g and signified the continuance of their intentions as manifested at last a Monthly Meeting, whereupon they are left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage agreeable to the Order established among Friends & Jeremiah Wilkerson

Joseph Farnum are appointed to take care that the same be decently solemnized and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Womens Meeting inform that they have concluded to disown Zeruah Miller, late potter, if this meeting concur therewith, and no objection appearing, this Meeting concurs with them. therein and she is disowned accordingly.

The Committee in the case of Joshua Rathburn report, that a part of them have had a further opportunity with him, and that it was their judgment it was best that he be put ^{from} under friends care as a member, which being considered, it is concurred with by this Meeting, and he is disowned accordingly until he shall make amends for his outgoings; and John Holden & Caleb Greene are appointed to prepare a Testimony of Denial, and inform him of the doings of this Meeting respecting him and report to next Monthly Meeting.

A Certificate was presented from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, on behalf of Sarah Congdon (Wife of Joshua) which was accepted. They

They also presented a certificate on behalf of Elizabeth Sims, directed to South Kingston Monthly Meeting —

The Committee continued in the case of David Brayton inform, that that matter remains much in the same state as at last month, it is therefore ^{again} continued under their care, they to report to next Monthly Meeting. —

The Committee appointed in the case of the removal of Smith Brown, Wife and Family, reported a certificate, which being read and approved, was by Order of the Meeting signed by the Clerk —

Joseph Farnum informs that the Testimony of the denial of Lydia Applin was read as directed. —

A Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, on behalf of Asa Sison Dated 7th of 1st Month last, was read in & accepted by this Meeting. —

The Committee appointed at last month in consequence of the minute from the Meeting for Sufferings recommending Subscriptions, for

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6^m For a Treatise on Baptism, written by our friend Job Scott, report, that about to the number 250 were Subscribed for & the Clerk is desired to inform the Meeting for sufferings thereof.

A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 26th 6 M^o 1793.

The Representatives appointed by the preparative Meeting, are, from Smithfield Azar Arnold & Joseph Farnum, from Providence & Moses Davis & Moses Brown all present. { The Clerk of this Meet^y being absent Tho^s Arnold is appointed C^lk for this time.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, report that they have informed Joseph Congdon of the doings of this Meeting respecting him; and they produced a Testimony of his denial which was read, & with some alterations approved & Signed by the Clerk & is as follows.

Whereas Joseph Congdon having had a right of Membership in our religious Society, and divers complaints being

being made to us, of failure in his
promises, and he not extricating
himself from said complaints, and
on investigation had sorrowfully to
believe they were not groundless &
his circumstances much involved.
Whereupon we engaged in labour with
him in order that his affairs might
be reputably brought to a close, and he
to a feeling sense thereof. — After repeat-
ed labours for that purpose, for a long
time, his affairs remaining in like sit-
uation, and he not manifesting a dis-
position to take our advice for his help
in those respects, We therefore have
disowned Unity with him as a Member
and put him from under our care
as such, until he may be enabled
to make satisfaction for his misconduct,
which we sincerely desire he may
be favoured rightly to do —

Signed in & by Order of our
Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
from Providence 26 of 6m^o 1793 —

by — Thomas Arnold Clerk for his
time

The Committee appointed report, that they attended the Marriage of Benjamin Arnold Jun^r with Rachel Harriſs, and that it appeared to them, it was conducted Orderly. —

The Friends appointed for that purpose report, that they have informed Joshua Rathburn of the doings of this Meeting respecting him and produced a Testimony of his denial, which was approved of and signed by the Clerk

Whereas Joshua Rathburn had a right of Membership in our religious Society, but he through unwatchfulness & inattention to the divine Monitor in his own mind, which would have preserved him in the paths of virtue & self denial, hath gone into many things contrary to our good and wholesome discipline, particularly in associating with vain & unprofitable company, and attending places of merriment & behaving in an unseemly manner, also departed from that simplicity of manners both in dress & address which our discipline enjoins, for which deviations he hath been frequently laboured with in order to bring him

him to a sense of his outgoings, without
the desired effect. — We therefore disown
Unity with him & put him from under
our care as a Member, until he shall
make satisfaction for his misconduct,
which we desire he may be enabled to
do.

Signed in & by Order of a
Monthly Meeting of friends, held
at Smithfield for Providence the 26 of
6th Mo. 1793. — by Thomas Arnold Clerk at
this time

The Committee in the case of David
Brayton inform that, they have paid
attention to that matter, but not being
yet ready to make report, they are desired
to pay further attention to that matter
and make report in the 8th ^{mo} or sooner if
it appears best.

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Providence the 24th of 7th M^o 1793

The Representatives from the prepar-
ative Meetings are from Smithfield
Elisha Steere & Augustus Lapham
from Providence Elisha Bowen Jun^r
& Caleb Greene all present

Our friend Sarah Talbot attended this Meet^g
with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting
of Concord, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Dated
8 of 5 M^o 1793, also our friend Stephen. Norton Hall
& Ann Ferriss as her companions, the former with
a copy of a Minute from the Monthly Meeting
of Concord, the latter with a Minute from the
Monthly Meeting of Wilmington, whose com-
pany was acceptable to us.

The Queries were read in this Meeting
and Answers thereto from the Preparative Meetings,
from which Answers to the Quarterly Meeting were
compiled — An Account to said Meeting was
also prepared & by direction of the Meeting signed
by the Clerk; both of which are desired to be pre-
sented to the Quarterly Meeting by our Repre-
sentatives Wm. Amy, Levi Hunt & Joseph
Harris

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The Womens Meeting inform, that they are about accepting Lucy Harris to Membership, and no objection appearing in this Meeting, she is received to Friends care accordingly —

The preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform, that Christopher Almy has removed to Rhode Island without a Certificate, Tho. Arnold Joseph Harris & Jos. Harnum are appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of his Case and prepare an Essay of a Certificate suitably adapted to his State & Report to next Monthly Meeting —

A Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island on behalf of Walter Cornell dated 30th of 4 M^o. 1793. was read in & accepted by this Meeting —

Also a Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Amos Turner, his Wife and Children namely, George, Gershom, Phoebe, Caleb Batty & Sewel Dated 3 of 6 M^o. 1793, was read in and accepted by this Meeting —

The Womens Meeting presented a Testimony of the denial of ~~David Harris~~ Jerviah Miller to be read at the Meeting at Scituate — Joseph Harnum is appointed to take care that the same be read and report to next Monthly Meeting —

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A certified Copy of a Certificate on behalf of Job Lapham from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Dartmouth dated 18th of 6 M^o. 1792, was read in this Meeting & accepted.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence 28 of 8 M^o. 1793.

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield no. Acc. appearing from Providence Ruben Blanchard & Charles Toben.

Our friend Elias Hicks attended this Meet.^g with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho on Long Island 18 of 4 M^o. 1793. expressing their Unity with him as a Minister and with his concern to visit friends in these parts, concurred with by the Quarterly Meeting held at New York the 25 of the same Month.

Our friend James Mott, also attended this Meeting as his Companion.

The Committee appointed in the case of Christopher Almy, reported an Essay of an Endorsement which being approved was inserted on the Certificate which was produced to this Meeting from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island dated 30th of 12 M^o. 1788 & Signed by the Clerk.

The representatives to attend the quarterly meeting, reported that they all attended & presented extracts from the Yearly Meeting Minutes, which are as follows viz.

After solid consideration it is concluded that the following be adopted for the 3rd Query and the several quarterly meetings are directed to have it inserted in their Books of Discipline viz.

Query 3rd Are friends careful to bring up those under their direction, in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel? to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and the corrupt conversation of the world? Are they good examples herein themselves, and are the holy Scriptures frequently read audibly in their families?

Rhodes Island quarterly meeting having in their Account proposed, that their Meeting in the 1st Month, which has heretofore been held at Providence should be, in future, held at Somerset formerly Swanzy—after due consideration their proposal is acceded to, and the alteration is concluded on accordingly.

Our Meeting having concluded to raise one hundred pounds for the Year

Yearly Meeting, Stock, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is requested to send up their proportion, £42..13..2 to our Treasurer

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Yearly Meeting from the 13th to the 18th of the 6th mo 1793 Inclusive.

by W^m Rotch Jun^r Clerk to the Meeting this Year

And W^m Almy & John Holden are appointed to insert the 3rd Query in the Book of Discipline and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Representatives also presented the following Copy of a Minute from the Quarterly Meeting viz^t—

Swansey Monthly Meeting in their Account inform, that the Moving & rebuilding the Meeting-house at Free-town was completed, the expence of which £57..19..3 of which £18..6..3 remains unpaid, towards which the several Monthly Meetings are desired to contribute in their Freedom & forward to said M^o Meeting, and an Acct. to next quarterly Meeting; and the Clerk is desired to send each Monthly Meeting a Copy of this Minute. — Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly held at Portsmouth the 8th of 8 M^o 1793. Benⁿ Freeborn Clerk
where

Whereupon the preparative Meetings
are desired to subscribe in their freedom agreeably
to said recommendations & send an Acct. to
next Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Harmon reports, that the
Testimony of the denial of Zerviah Miller
was not yet read, he is therefore continued
to read the same, and report to next
Monthly Meeting.

The Women's Meeting inform that
they have in consideration the recommending
the appointment of Sarah Steer, to the place
of an Elder, which being considered by the
Meeting, it appears best that the same be
committed to the further consideration of
a Committee, and Benjamin Smith, Daniel
Anthony and Elisha Bowen jun^r are appointed
for that service, and desired to Report to
next Monthly Meeting.

The preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that James Davis hath departed
from that simplicity of conduct, in divers
respects, which our discipline enjoins, parti-
cularly in neglecting the attendance of our
religious meetings, as also in his dress and
address, and hath married with a person
not

not a Member of our Society, whereupon Joseph Randall and Joseph Harris are appointed to labour with him, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Several of the Committee in the case of David Brayton inform, that they have paid some further attention to it, but were not at present sufficiently ripe to report their sense & judgment in that matter, they are therefore still continued for that service & desired to report to next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence the 25 of 9 M^o 1793.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Harris and Elisha Steere, From Providence Joseph Randall & Woodbury Constock, all present.

Joseph Farnum reports that the Testimony of the denial of Zerviah Miller has been read as directed.

The Committee appointed to insert the 3^d Query in the Books of Discipline report, that they have

inserted the same in a part, but not all
the Books; they are therefore continued to
complete that service, and report to next
Monthly Meeting.

The preparative Meetings, not having
forwarded an Acc^t. of Subscriptions being entered
into as recommended at last Month, they
are desired to pay attention to that matter
and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to consider of the
appointment of Sarah Steer to the place
of an Elder, inform that they have paid
some attention to that matter, but think
best the same be referred to next Meeting,
it is therefore referred accordingly, and they
desired then to report.

The Committee to labour with James
Davis inform, that they have not both
had an opportunity with him; they are
therefore continued to effect the service
of their appointment & to report to next
monthly meeting & Caleb Greene is added
to them — The Committee continued in
the case of David Brayton made report

which is referred to next Monthly Meeting for further consideration —

Providence preparative Meeting in their Account inform that the Select Meeting had proposed the appointment of Elihu Bowen jun^r to the place of an Elder, upon consideration of which it is the sense of this Meeting, that it be referred for further consideration to next Monthly Meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and Answers thereto compiled, which together with an Account to the Quarterly Meeting was signed by the Clerk, and is directed to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting next ensuing by our representatives Elisha Steere, Aza Arnold, John Holden —

The time for which the Overseers & Overseers of the poor were appointed to serve being expired the reappointment for these services is referred to next Monthly Meeting, and the present Overseers are desired to attend to the duty of their appointment until that time —

The Womens Meeting presented a paper from Sandwich Monthly Meeting respecting

respecting Abigail Walker, and desiring
the advice and assistance of this Meeting
respecting it, whereupon Thomas Arnold,
Daniel Anthony & Augustus Lapham are
appointed to inspect into & assist the Women
in that matter, and report what is best
to be done with it at next Monthly Meeting

Daniel Anthony is appointed to read
the Testimony of the denial of Jos. Congdon,
at the close of a first day Meeting at this
place between this and next Monthly Meet.)
and then report —

John Holden is appointed to read the
Testimony of the denial of Joshua Rathburn
at the close of a first day Meeting at this
place at some suitable time between this
and next Monthly Meeting & report
when accomplished. —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence 30th
of 10 Month 1793 —

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The representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Augustus Lapham and Joseph Barnum, Providence Moses Davis & Saleb Greene all present.

The Committee to insert the 3rd Query in the Books of Discipline, not having completed that service, it is therefore continued under their care to effect, they to report to next monthly Meeting.

The preparative Meetings not having completed their Subscriptions as recommended, they are desired to complete them in freedom and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to consider of the appointment of Sarah Steere to the place of an Elder inform, that they have paid attention to their appointment, and think best that the matter be referred again, which report is accepted, and said matter is referred accordingly they to report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to labour with James Davis inform, that they have not had an opportunity with him since last meeting, that matter is therefore continued under their care & they are desired to report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee's report in the case of David Brayton coming before this Meet^g and the same being considered, it is the sense of the Meeting, that the Subject matter of said report be again referred & that S. Committee continue their further care & attention to that matter & report to ~~the~~ this Meeting in the 2nd Month—

The reference respecting the appointment of Elihu Bowen Jun^r to the place of an Elder coming under consideration, and after being considered, it appeared best that the same be referred to next Monthly Meeting, then to be again considered —

The representatives to the quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended & presented Extracts from that Meeting's minutes, which are as follows viz^t —

It not appearing that Transcripts of the Yearly Meetings Epistle has been made out by the Clerk as directed at last Quarter, and the Epistle being now rec^d. — The Representatives are desired to make out a sufficient Number of Transcripts for the several months

Monthly Meetings, and forward the same to them, and return the Original to the Clk, and the Monthly Meetings are desired to pay Seasonable and proper attention to the same in order that a return may be made to the Yearly Meeting.

Your proportion of the yearly Meeting's Stock as apportioned by the Representatives is £6.. 14.. 11, which the Quarterly Meeting desires may be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer and an acc^t to the next Quarter.

Extracted from the Minutes of a quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 10 of 10th M^o. 1793.

by W^m. Almy Clk for this time.

And the Preparative Meetings are desired to proceed to raise the Sum Assigned us for the Yearly Meeting's Stock and send an Acc^t to next Monthly Meeting.

They also presented the Yearly Meeting's Epistle, which was read to satisfaction & agreeable to the advice therein contained. Aza Arnold, Elisha Peere & Helel Greene are

are appointed to inspect into the situation of Friends respecting their being supplied with the Holy Scriptures and other useful Books, and report the State of this Meeting on that Account to this Meeting in the 12th Month —

The appointment of ~~12~~ Overseers & Oversea^rs of the poor being before the Meeting, upon considering of which it appeared best to defer the completing of that appointment to the next Meeting, and it is referred accordingly — and the Overseers in the mean time are desired to continue in their appointments as heretofore —

Dan^l. Anthony & John Holden report, that the Testimony of the denial of Joseph Congdon & Joshua Rathburn has been read as directed

The Committee in the case of Abigail Walker presented the following — which is adopted viz.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends
at Sandwich
Dear Friends — We have rec^d. your Letter
of

of the 4th of the 7th Mo. 1793 & observe the contents.

We think it best in answer thereto, to mention more particularly, that upon the Rec^d. of your former letter upon the same subject, We appointed a Committee to labour with Abigail Walker agreeable to your then desire, which committee had some opportunities with her upon the matters complained, her Husband being invited and present — And after fully considering the matter, she so far gave them satisfaction as to the matters stated in your Letter that they reported in favour of receiving a Certificate in her behalf, if you thought proper to grant one. — With this report the Meeting united, not doubting but that it would have been easy to you to grant one, upon our so signifying, unless you had some further light or evidence to communicate to us respecting the matter complained of, in which case we informed you that we should be ready to further consider thereof — Your last expresses your Opinion that she cannot have a Certificate, and desires us to labour with her for the same matters mentioned in your former letter.

We very well know dear friends, that it lies with you to grant a Certificate or not, and it was not otherwise than by your special desire that we

undertook to labour with her for the
matter alledged against her:— And if you
did not mean to leave the matter of her
suitableness to ~~receive~~ a Certificate to the
judgement of this Meeting, we conceive it
was not best to request us so far to take your
place as to deal with her, on Account of the
inconvenience which might arise in case
of a difference ^{of} judgment — And especially as
the Case now stands, it appears very improper
for us to deal with her for the same matter, con-
cerning which this Meeting has expressed to you
they were satisfied that she have a Certificate,
unless you had some further light to communicate
as stated in our former Letter —

Having thus informed you how the
matter stands, we have only to express further
our desire that this correspondence may termi-
nate to mutual satisfaction, and if you have
any thing more particular to communicate
that you are desirous we might act in before
you give Abigail a Certificate, we shall be
ready to attend to it — And dear friends we
entreat that Charity may be sought after by you
and us and a Harmonious disposition experienced
to

to have matters accommodated agreeable to the
mind of Truth — We are your Friends,
Brethren & Sisters —

Signed in behalf of the Monthly Meeting
by — William Almy *Elk*
Lydia Arnold *Elk*

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at Providence 27th of 11th Mo 1793 —

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting,
are from Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkenson & Stephen
Smith from Providence William Barker & . Moses Brown

The preparative Meeting of Providence inform
that Stephen Sheldon had appeared in that Meeting
and requested to be admitted to the care of Friends,
and he also appearing in this Meeting renewing his
request Reuben Blanchard, Joseph Harris and
William Almy ^{are} appointed to take a solid opportuni-
ty with him and endeavour to discover the motives
of his request & his suitableness to be received as
a member & report their sense & judgment to
our next Monthly Meeting — The

The entering the 3rd Query into the Books of Discipline not being yet effected, the Committee are desired to effect the same & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to consider of the appointment of Sarah Steere to the place of an Elder inform, that they have paid some further attention to that service, and it appears best to them that f.^d matter be continued; it is accordingly continued under their care, they to report to next Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of James Davis, not having had an opportunity with him since last Meeting, that matter is therefore again continued under their care, they to report to next Meeting.

The consideration of the appointment of Elihu Bowen Jun^r to the place of an Elder coming again before the Meeting, and after being deliberated on, the Meeting concluded to commit the same to the consideration of a Committee & Oziel Wilkenson, Benjamin Smith, Joseph Farnum, Joseph Randall are appointed to take a solid opportunity with Elihu & Report what to them appears best to next Monthly Meeting.

The appointment of overseers coming under consideration, John Holden, Thomas Arnold, Jos. Harris, Jeremiah Wilkenson are appointed to serve in that Capacity for the year ensuing — And Daniel Anthony, Asa Arnold & Elisha Bowen Junr are appointed Overseers of the poor for the same Term of Time —

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have raised one pound 5/ towards the expence of removing Freetown Meeting House & £3. 12. 7 for the Yearly Meeting Stock — And Providence Preparative Meeting that they have raised £3. 8. 9 for the yearly Meeting Stock and 12/ towards removing Freetown Meeting house — And the Treasurer is desired to pay to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer £6. 14. 11 it being our proportion of said Meetings Stock —

The above Subscriptions of £1. 17/ towards the removing Freetown Meeting house to Swanzy & Monthly Meeting —

The consideration of the reappointment of the School Committee being taken up by this Meetg is referred to next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield for Providence the 25 of 12 M^o. 1793.

The Representatives from the Preparative
& Meetings are from Smithfield Aza Arnold &
Joseph Harnum, from Providence Jos. Randall
& Ruben Blanchard, who being called are all
present -

The Queries & answers thereto from the
Preparative Meetings were read in this Meet^g
and answers to the quarterly meeting compiled
therefrom. —

The Committee appointed in consequence
of Stephen Sheldon's request report that they
have taken an opportunity with him agreeable
to appointment & it appeared to them that it
might be safe for the meeting to receive him
under their care as a member, which being
considered, he is with the concurrence of the
Womens Meeting received as such accordingly

(The Committee to consider of the appointment
of Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder, inform
that that matter remains in the same
situation as at last month, it is therefore
again continued under their care, they to
report to next monthly Meeting) —

The Committee appointed in the case of James Davis inform, that they have not yet had an opportunity with him by reason of his being absent at a distance from home - it is therefore continued under their care, they to report to this Meeting in the third Month next or sooner if their service is accomplished -

The Committee to consider of the appointment of Elihu Bowen Junr. to the place of an Elder, report that they have attended to their appointment, and that it was their sense that it would be best for the appointment to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting - which is referred to next Monthly Meeting for consideration -

The reappointment of the School Committee is referred to next Monthly Meeting -

An account to the Quarterly Meeting was made out, approved by the Meeting & by its direction signed by the Clerk & is directed to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting with the Answers to the Queries by our representatives, Augustus Lapham, Samuel Hill & Daniel Anthony

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The preparative Meeting of Providence inform that Benjamin Brown has departed in divers respects from our Discipline particularly in associating with vain and unprofitable Company, attending places of unuseful diversions, as also in dress & address and is keeping Company in order for Marriage with one not a Member of our Society, whereupon Aza Arnold & Joseph Randall are appointed to labour with him on those Accounts, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence 29 of 1st Mo. 1794.

The representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Harris & Benjamin Smith, from Providence Caleb Greene & Obadiah Brown all present.

The Committee to consider of the proposed appointment of Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder, inform that they are not yet ready to report, that matter is therefore again referred under their care, they to report to next Monthly Meeting.

The report of the Committee in the case of Elihu Bowen Junr. coming under consideration, and was not opening for the disposing of it at this time, it is therefore referred to next Monthly Meeting for further consideration.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reports that they all attended that Meeting agreeable to appointment.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Brown, make the following report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

We have laboured with Benjamin Brown according to appointment, he appears determined to persist in those things complained of. We think further labour would not be beneficial, but that it is best to make a Minute against him.

Aza Arnold
Joseph Randall

Which being considered, is accepted, and this Meeting apprehending themselves clear from any further labour with him, do with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting disown him accordingly & Caleb Green & John Holden are

are appointed to inform him of the doings of
this meeting respecting him & prepare an
Essay of a Testimony of his denial & report
to next Monthly Meeting

The reappointment of the School Committee
is again referred to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting of Smithfield
propose, that there be made an addition to
The Overseers, which is referred to next
Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at
Smithfield for Providence 26 of 2^d M^o 1794

The representatives from the preparative
meetings are from Smithfield, Elisha Steer,
Samuel Hill, from Providence Henry Russell &
Daniel Anthony who are all present
Clerk absent. Jos. Harris is appointed for the day.

The Committee in the Case of Sarah Star
report that they have attended, but that way does
not yet open for finishing the matter at this time
where

Whereupon it is referred to the next Monthly Meet^g
They then to report

The report of the Committee in the case
of Elihu Bowen Jun^r coming again under consid-
eration, the way not fully opening for the disposing
of it at this time, it is again refered for further
consideration to the next Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to acquaint Benjⁿ
Brown of his denial inform, They have done it
& presented a Testimony of Denial, which was
read, approved & signed by the Clerk as follows

Benjamin Brown had a
right of Membership in our reli-
gious Society, but through inattention
to the Advice of his Relatives & Friends
he has gone into divers things contrary
to our good & wholesome discipline, particu-
larly in dress and address, attending
places of unprofitable diversions & is keeping
Company in order for Marriage with a person
not a member of our Society, for which devia-
tions he has been laboured with & not having
the desired effect — We

We therefore disown unity with him and
put him from under our care as a Member
until he shall be enabled to make satisfaction
for his outgoings, which we desire he may
be favoured to do—

Signed in & on behalf of the Meet.^y
held at Smithfield for Providence } by J^s. Harris Clk for
26 of 2^d M^o. 1794. } the day—

The appointment of a School Committee
referred from last month to this, is again referred
to next Monthly Meeting—

The additional appointment of
Overseers coming again under consideration
Augustus Lapham is appointed to the
Service—

The case of David Brayton coming
again before this Meeting, and the
Committee not being prepared for a Report
said matter is again referred to next Monthly
Meeting, they then to report—

The quarterly Meeting having recommended a Subscription in freedom to assist Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in defraying the expence of building a Meeting house at Leicester the expence of which was £123 and £47. 17. 8 of which is paid by that Meeting, whereupon we recommend to the preparative Meetings to Subscribe in freedom for the same and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting being informed that Jonas Winton is incapable of taking care of himself and that by the late revival of the line between Greenwich Monthly Meeting and ours, he fell to this Meet^g where upon we appoint Daniel & Anthony John Holden & Jas. Farnum to take the matter into their care in order that every useful enquiry may be made, and if needful to apply to the Town Council of Cranston for means to be furnished out of Jonas' Estate, sufficient for his reputable & comfortable support & if obtained apply the same accordingly & report to this Meeting in the 5 M^o next.

The Committee in the case of James Davis report, and as the Women's Meet^g have risen it is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Providence 26 of 3rd M^o 1794

The representatives from the Preparative
meetings are from Smithfield Jeremiah
Wilkenfon & Samuel Hill; from Providence
Reuben Blanchard & Joseph Randall, all
present excepting Jeremiah Wilkenfon who
came soon after being detained by indisposition.

The time for which W^m. Almy was ap-
pointed to serve as Clerk, being expired Samuel
Hill, Reuben Blanchard & Joseph Randall are
appointed to consider of some suitable friend
to serve the meeting in that capacity for the
year ensuing, and Report to next Monthly
Meeting — And the present Clerk is
desired to serve as such until another ap-
pointment be made.

The Committee appointed to consider
of the appointment of Sarah Steer to the place
of an Elder inform, that way has not yet
opened for them fully to report, it is therefore
again continued under their care & Augustus
Lapham is added to them, they to report to
next Monthly Meeting —

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The consideration of the report of the Committee in the case of the appointment of Elihu Bowen Jun^r. to the place of an Elder coming before the Meeting, but was not opening satisfactorily to dispose of it at this time, it is therefore ^{referred} to next monthly Meeting for further consideration -

The preparative Meeting of Providence inform that Asa Tisson proposes to lay his intentions of Marriage with Alice Anthony before this Meeting, accordingly after having produced consent of Parents they appeared in this Meeting & published their intentions as afores^d. which is noticed, and they are desired to come to next Monthly Meeting for Answer, and John Holden & W^m. Almy are appointed to make the necessary inspection, respecting Asa's cleanness & report to next Monthly Meeting -

The consideration of the report of the Committee in the case of James Davis coming before the Meeting is accepted, and this Meet^g apprehending themselves clear from any further labour with him on that Account, do with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disown him to be any longer a Member of our religious Society & Tho. Arnold & Saleb Greene are
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appointed to inform him of the doings of
this meeting respecting him & prepare
a Testimony of his Denial and report
to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee in the case of David
Brayton inform, that they have not had
an opportunity with him since last Month
and propose that it be referred to next Monthly
Meeting, which is acceded to, and they
are desired then to report —

The Queries were read in this Meeting
and Answers thereto from the Preparative
Meetings, from which general Answers
were formed, which with the Account
to the quarterly Meeting is directed
to be presented to the Meeting by
our representatives, Samuel Hill &
Benjamin Smith —

The appointment of the School
Committee is again referred to next
Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at Smithfield for Providence 23 of 4th M^o. 1794.

The representatives from the preparative
Meetings are, from Smithfield Augustus Lapham
and Levi Arnold, from Providence Caleb Green
and Daniel Anthony all present—

The Committee to consider of some friend to
serve the Meeting as Clerk for the year ensuing
report W^m. Almy for that service, which is ap-
proved, and he is appointed accordingly—

The Committee to consider of the appointment
of Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder, report that
they had solidly attended to their appointment, but
were not fully clear, respecting the manner in
which that matter had best be disposed, which after
being considered by the Meeting, that Committee
are again continued to pay further attention to
their appointment & to report in the 7th M^o. next.

The consideration of the appointment of Elisha
Bowen Jun^r. to the place of an Elder, coming
under consideration, is referred to next Monthly
Meeting for further consideration—

Asa Lison & Alice Anthony appeared
at this Meeting for Answer & nothing appear-
ing to hinder their proceedings, they are left
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at liberty to accomplish their Marriage
agreeable to the order established among
Friends and Tho. Arnold & Caleb Greene
are appointed to take care that the same
be orderly solemnized & report to next
Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the case of
James Davis report that they have
informed him of the doings of this Meeting
respecting him; and presented a Testimony
of his denial which being read & approved, was
by order of the Meeting signed by the Clerk.

James Davis had by Birth a right of
Membership in our religious Society, but he
through inattention to that which would have pre-
served him, has departed from that Simplicity of conduct
in divers respects which our Discipline enjoins, par-
ticularly in neglecting the attendance of Meetings
our religious Meetings, as also in dress & address &
hath married with a person not a Member of our
Society, for all which he hath been laboured with
without the desired effect, We therefore disown Unity
with him as a member & put him from under our
care, untill he shall make Friends satisfaction,
which we desire he may be enabled to do

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting
of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence
23 of 11 mo. 1794 by ——— William Amyatt

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The Committee in the case of David Brayton inform that they have not had an opportunity with him since last month, as was then expected, it is therefore again referred under their care they to report in the 7th M^o next or sooner, if they are ready —

The Preparative Meeting of Providence inform, that John Brown has departed from the order & discipline of our Society, in neglecting to attend our religious Meetings, also in dress & address & attended places of unprofitable diversion for which he has been laboured with, whereupon we appoint Benjⁿ. Smith & Dan^l. Anthony to further labour with him on these Accounts & report to next Monthly Meeting —

Said Preparative Meeting inform that they have raised one pound, eighteen shillings & 3^d. towards defraying the expence of building a Meeting House at Leicester —

The Committee appointed to inspect into the situation of Jonas Wanton, report as follows,

That your committee appointed in the case of Jonas Wanton report, that we have attended to that matter & waited on the town council of Leicester & presented them with a copy of the minute of our appointment, & although they manifested a friendly disposition respecting the case of Jonas, yet they did not, all circumstances considered, appear willing to shift the guardianship this year notwithstanding.

standing we manifested to them that we did not think him
placed in the most favorable situation / they furthermore
decide us to procure some suitable person to be guardian
at the expiration of the present year

Signed / David Anthony

Jn^o Wolden

Joseph Farnum

And said Committee are continued to
have a care and oversight respecting his cir-
cumstances as reported, and to use their endeavours
that he be comfortably provided for, and to
take suitable measures for the better regulating
his concernments as way may open, & report
to this meeting from time to time as occasion
may require

The reappointment of the School
Committee is again referred to next Monthly
Meeting

A Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Providence 28th of 5th Mo^o 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Benjⁿ. Smith
&

And Aza Arnold; from Providence William
Barker & Charles Holden, all present

The appointment of Elihu Bowen Jun^r to
the place of an Elder, coming before the Meeting
and after deliberating thereon, it is again referred
to next Monthly Meeting for further consideration.

The Committee appointed to attend the
Marriage of Asa Sison & Alice Anthony
report that they attended the same & that
it was conducted orderly

The Committee appointed to labour
with John Brown Report as follows viz.

According to appointment we have had an
opportunity with John Brown & showed him the
within complaint, the substance of which he
acknowledged: but manifested no disposition for
a reform, neither do we see any use in his being
continued any longer a Member of our Society.

Daniel Anthony
Benjamin Smith

Which is accepted, and this Meeting apprehending
themselves clear of any further labour with him
do with the consent of the Womens Meeting
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disown him to be any longer a Member of
our religious Society; and John Holden &
Thomas Arnold are appointed to inform
him of the doings of this Meeting respect-
ing him & prepare a Testimony of his
denial & report to next Monthly Meeting -

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that Samuel Arnold Jun^r hath
departed from the simplicity of our profession
in dress & address, and has neglected the
attendance of our religious Meetings,
and has accepted a Military Commission
& attended places of unprofitable diversions,
whereupon we appoint Elisha Steer,
Joseph Randall & Joseph Harris to
labour with him on these Accounts &
report to next Monthly Meeting

Smithfield Preparative Meeting
inform that they have raised Two pounds
eleven Shillings towards building the
Meeting House at Leicester

Friends having rec^d. authentic information
that our friend Jo^s. Scott is deceased

His Certificate, which this Meeting gave him in
order to proceed on his visit to friends in Europe was
rec^d. at this Time together with a Certificate from
the half years Meeting of Ministers & Elders for
Ireland held the 31 of 10th M^o. 1793, which was
expressive of their full approbation of his conduct &
religious labours among them, which the Clerk is
directed to Record — And this Meeting apprehending
that usefulness will be derived from having collected
an account of the life & most interesting occurrences,
that attended this valuable friend, appoints Hoses Brown,
Tho^s. Arnold & W^m. Amy to prepare a Testimony
suitably adapted to the Occasion & report the
same to this Meeting when accomplished

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at
Smithfield for Providence 25 of 6th M^o. 1794

The representatives from the preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Elisha Peck &
Timothy Green; from Providence Joseph Randall
& Henry Russell, being called are present —

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The Clerk being absent Joseph Harris is appointed Clerk for the day

The appointment of Elihu Bowen Jun^r to the Station of an Elder, referred from last month, coming now under consideration, is again referred to next monthly Meeting for further consideration.

The Committee to inform John Brown of his denial reported a Testimony of Denial which was read approved & signed by the Clerk; and they are continued to give him the necessary information of his Denial.

John Brown had a right of Membership in our religious Society, but he has departed from the good & wholesome Discipline established amongst Friends, in neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings, also in dress & address, and attending places of unprofitable diversion, for which he hath been laboured with, without the desired effect. — We therefore disown Unity with him & put him from under our care as a Member, untill he shall make satisfaction for his outgoings which

which we desire he may be favoured to do —

Given forth at our Monthly Meeting held
at Smithfield for Providence 26 of 5th mo.
1794, Signed Jos. Harris Clk for the day

The Committee in the complaint exhibited
against Sam^l. Arnold Jun^r Report, they have
not fulfilled their appointment, therefore it is
referred under their care till next Monthly Meet^g
they then to report —

Smithfield preparative Meeting inform
that Edward Wing having served out his ap-
prentice ship requests a Certificate to the
Monthly Meeting of Sandwich Whereupon we
appoint our Friends Benjⁿ. Smith & Benjⁿ. Arnold
Jun^r to take the necessary care, and if nothing
appears to hinder to draft one & present it
to our next Meeting —

Our esteemed friend Mehitable Jenkins
being on her way to a religious Visit to friends
in new York Government, attended this Meeting
& presented a Certificate date Dover 31 of 5th mo. 1794
also a concurring Certificate from the Quarterly Meet^g
of

of Salem 6 & 7 of 6 M^o. 1794. expressive of their
Unity & concurrence with her in said visit
which was read to our Satisfaction, her
company & services being truly acceptable —

This Meeting being informed that the
Subscriptions for Building Leicester Meet^g
house have not been forwarded, they that
have them in possession are desired to
forward them & report to our next
Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at Providence y. 30 of 7th M^o. 1794, The
Representatives from the Preparative Meeting,
are from Smithfield Jos. Larnum & Jos.
Harriss, from Providence Elisha Bowen jun^r.
and Levi Hunt

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform, that Elisha Brown of North Providence
had appeared in that Meeting & requested to be ad-
mitted to Membership with Friends; and he also
appearing at this Meeting, and renewing his
request - Benjamin Smith, William Barker
& Augustus Lapham, are appointed to take a
solid opportunity with him & endeavour to
discover the motives of his request & his suitableness
to be received as a Member & report their sense
and judgement thereon to next Monthly Meeting.

The consideration of the appointment
of Elisha Bowen jun^r. to the place of an Elder
being again considered by the Meeting, is re-
ferred to next Monthly Meeting for further
consideration

The Committee to inform John Brown
of his denial, not having completed their
appointment, they are continued to inform
him, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

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The Committee to labour with Samuel Arnold Jun^r report, that they laboured with him according to appointment, but that he did not appear in a suitable disposition of mind to make Friends satisfaction —

The Preparative Meeting of Smith-Field inform, that John Bailey proposed to publish his intentions of marriage with Tabitha Olney of this Meeting; accordingly after he had produced a Certificate from Pembroke Monthly Meeting, certifying his clearness in this respect, and that he had Parents consent, they appeared at this Meeting, and manifested their intentions as aforesaid, which is noticed & they are desired to come to next Monthly Meeting for Answer —

The Committee in the Case of the request of Edward Wing for a Certificate, reported one on his behalf, which was read and approved, and by Order of the Meeting signed by the Clerk —

The Committee to consider of the appointment of Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder, inform that they are not yet ready to make any further report: That matter is therefore continued to next monthly Meeting & they desired then to report

And this meeting apprehending themselves clear from any further labour with him (Samuel Arnold Junr) do, with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disown him to be any longer a Member of our religious Society, until he shall make satisfaction for his outgoings; — And Moses Brown & Caleb Green are appointed to inform him of the Doings of this Meeting respecting him, and prepare a Testimony of his Denial, and report to next Monthly Meeting

Answers to the Queries from the Preparative Meetings, were read in this, and general Answers compiled therefrom, which the Clerk is directed to transcribe and sign in behalf of this Meeting, which with an account to the quarterly Meeting is directed to be presented to said Meetg by our Representatives Joseph Harris & Elihu Bowen Junr

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The Committee in the Case of David Brayton's request to be admitted to the care of friends, referred in the 11th Mo^o last, inform, that they have since had an opportunity with him, and that they were not qualified to make a report tending to its conclusion, at this time. It is therefore referred under their care, they to report to next Monthly Meeting —

Our esteemed Friend Joshua Evans attended this Meeting, with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Haddonfield New Jersey 10th of 3rd Mo^o 1794 — certifying their Unity with him as a Minister and with his concern to make a visit to Friends in these parts. Concurred with by the quarterly Meeting of Haddonfield dated 21 of the same Month, whose labour among us have been acceptable and edifying —

Also our friend Tho^s. Rotch attended this Meeting as Companion to our friend afores^d with a copy of a Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford by adjournment 24 of 6th Mo^o 1794, whose Company has been acceptable to us —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
field for Providence the 27 of 8th M^o. 1794 — The
Representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are from Smithfield Stephen Smith & Timothy
Green; — from Providence Henry Russell &
Obadiah Brown —

Was read in this Meeting a Testimony
concerning our beloved Friend Job Scott, from the
half years Meeting of Friends in Ireland —
which was to our satisfaction and comfort, and
the Clerk is directed to forward said Testimony to the
Quarterly Meeting —

A Certificate of removal from the Monthly
Meeting of South Kingston, on behalf of Oziel
Scott, son of Job, Dated 28 of 7th M^o. last, was read
in this Meeting and accepted —

The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity
with Elisha Brown upon his request to be admitted to
membership with Friends; Report, that they have
attended to their appointment, and that they thought
him sincere in his request; but not expressing
their Judgement respecting his Suitableness
to be received as a Member — It is referred to next
Monthly Meeting under their care; They are then
desired to make farther report; and Elisha Peck
is added to the Committee —

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The Womens Meeting inform that they have concluded to receive Martha Medbury under Friends care as a Member, if this Meeting concurs with them therein; which being considered is concurred with & she is rec. accordingly

The further consideration of the appointment of Elihu Bowen jun^r to the place of an Elder coming under consideration, It is referred to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to inform John Brown of his Denial & right of Appeal; inform that they have accomplished said service

John Bailey & Tabitha Olney appeared in this Meeting & declared the continuation of their intentions of taking each other in Marriage; this Meeting having taken the necessary care, they are allowed to proceed & Augustus Sapham & Benjⁿ Smith are appointed to attend said Marriage & see that the same be orderly conducted and report to next Monthly Meeting

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The Committee to consider of the appointment of Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder Report they have solidly attended to that service, and that the way does not open for a decisive one, therefore it is referred to next Monthly Meeting, they then to report —

The Committee in the Case of David Brayton's request inform that a part of them have had an opportunity with him since last Month, but that they were not prepared to report at this time, And this Meeting considering the nature of the service, refer it until the 11th M^o. next, the Committee then to report or earlier, if the service should be sooner accomplished. —

The Committee appointed to inform Samuel Arnold Jun^r. of his denial, and prepared a Testimony of the same, inform that that service is not yet accomplished, It is therefore referred under their care, they to report to next Monthly Meeting. —

The Preparative Meeting of Providence inform that Joshua Congdon, having some time past removed to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting & now desires a certificate for himself, Wife & Child, directed to said Meeting Levi

Levi Hunt & Henry Russell are appointed to make the necessary inspection, and prepare a Certificate according as circumstances may appear, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting, was read in this Meeting to good acceptance.

The representatives to the quarterly Meeting inform, that they all attended. They presented this Meeting's proportion of the yearly Meeting Stock, being £6000, which the preparative Meetings are desired to raise & forward to next Monthly Meeting.

Also an Extract of the yearly Meeting's Minutes & Joseph Harris & William Almy are appointed to insert it, in the Books of Discipline. The article directed to be inserted respecting those who marry disorderly and report to next Meeting.

A Monthly of Friends held at
Providence 24 of 4 Mo 1794.

The Representatives from the preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Augustus
Lapham & Aza Arnold from Providence
John Alvermond & David Anthony, all present

The Queries and Answers thereto from
the Preparative Meetings, were read in this,
and general Answers to the quarterly Meet.^g
were compiled therefrom.

The Womens Meeting inform, that they
have concluded to disown Wait Rathburn, late
Kilton, if there was no objection in this Meet.^g
and no Objection appearing, this Meeting concurs
with the Womens Meeting, and she is disowned
accordingly.

The Consideration of the appointment
of Elihu Bowen Jun^r to the place of an Elder
being again considered, is again refered to next
Monthly Meeting for further consideration.

The Committee to consider of the appointment
of Sarah Heer to the place of an Elder inform,
that they are not yet ready to report; it is again
referred under their care, they to report to next Monthly
Meeting.

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The Committee appointed in consequence of Joshua Congdon's request for a certificate reported one for him, his Wife & Child directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge, which being read was approved and signed by the Clerk.

The Committee to inform Samuel Arnold Jun.^r of his Denial & prepare a Testimony of the same inform, that they have acquainted him, and they are continued to prepare a Testimony of his Denial & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of John Bailey & Tabitha Olney Report, that they attended the same & that it was Orderly solemnized.

An Account to the Quarterly Meeting being prepared, is with the Answer to the Queries, directed to be presented to the quarterly Meeting next ensuing by our Representatives, Elisha Steer, Ruben Blanchard and Moses Brown.

The Committee appointed in consequence of Elisha Brown's request report, that they think it best to admit him a Member of our Society, which is concurred with, and he is with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting received accordingly.

Our Friend Benjamin Arnold informed this Meeting, that he proposes making a Visit to his Friends ^{& relations} at Hoosock & had Thoughts of attending the Quarterly Meeting of Saratoga. These are therefore to Certify, that he is a Member of our Society and in the Station of an Elder, and the Clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this Minute.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence 29 of 10^{mo}. 1794

The representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Samuel Hill & Levi Arnold; from Providence Moses Davis & Caleb Green, all present.

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The consideration of the appointment of Elihu Bowen jun^r to the place of an Elder, coming before the Meeting, is referred to next Monthly Meeting for further consideration.

The Committee in the Case of the appointment of Sarah Aker to the place of an Elder, not making any report at this time, They are continued to have the care of that matter, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee to prepare a Testimony of the Denial of Samuel Arnold Jun^r, not reporting one at this time, they are continued to prepare one, and report to next Meeting.

The preparative Meeting of Smithfield inform, that Abraham Wilkenson is keeping Company, with a person not a Member of our Society, contrary to the Order established among Friends. — Whereupon Ruben Blanchard, Moses Brown & John Holden are appointed to labour with him on that Account & report to next Meeting.

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Providence Preparative Meeting
inform, that Preserved Davis has Married
out of the Order established amongst Friends
Benjamin Smith & Augustus Lapham are
appointed to labour with him on that Acc^t.
and report to next Meeting.

Said Preparative Meeting also inform
that Silas Fish requested a few lines to
Greenwich Monthly Meeting, certifying
his clearness to proceed in Marriage with
Amey Spencer a member of that Meeting.
John Holden, Tho^s. Arnold are appointed
to make the necessary inspection, and if Silas
stands clear, prepare a few lines & report
to next monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence 26 of 11th Mo^o 1794.

The representatives from the preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Oziel
Wilkinson, Benjamin Smith — from Providence
Henry Russell & Jonathan Congdon, all
present excepting Oziel Wilkinson, who
afterwards came in

The consideration of the report of the Committee in the case of the appointment of Elihu Bowen junr to the place of an Elder, coming before the Meeting, and after being again considered is accepted, and he, with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting is appointed to the place of an Elder accordingly. And the same is directed to be sent to the quarterly Meeting for their approbation.

The Committee in the case of the appointment of Sarah Greer to the place of an Elder, not being ready to report, that matter is again referred under their care, they to report to next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Testimony of the Denial of Sam^l. Arnold Junr. Reported one, which being read, is approved and Signed by the Clerk as follows - viz^t

Sam

Samuel Arnold Jun^r had by Birth a
right of Membership in our religious Society;
but hath departed from our good & wholesome
Discipline, in neglecting to attend our religious
Meetings, also in dress & address, and attending
places of unprofitable diversion, and also in ac-
cepting a Military Commission, for which he
hath been laboured with, without the desired effect.
We therefore disown Unity with him & put
him from under our care as a Member,
until he shall make Satisfaction for his
outgoings, which we desire he may be
favoured to do; — Given forth from our
Monthly Meeting at Providence this
26. 11^{mo}. 1794

William & Amy Clk.

The Committee in the Case of Abraham
Wilkenon, report as follows.

We your Committee appointed in the Case
of Abraham Wilkenon report, that we
have had a solid Opportunity with him,
respecting the matter complained of. — He
appeared frank & candid in his manner of
treating the Subject, and said he should like
to

to be longer waited on, and all Circumstances considered, we Submit it to the Meeting, whether it may not be well to wait longer on him —

25th of 11 M^o 1794 —

Which is accepted & matter continued under the care of J. Committee, they to report to next Meeting —

Moses Brown

John Holden

The Committee in the Case of Preserved Davis report as follows —

The Committee in the Case of Preserved Davis, have had an opportunity with him, and find that he has Married out of the Order of Friends — He appears to have had but little knowledge of the Discipline, not much exercised in his mind in regard to religion; yet in some degree of Sincerity desired that Friends would wait upon him —

To the Monthly Meet^g } Augustus Lapham
to be held at Providence } Benjⁿ Smith —
26 of 11 M^o 1794 —

Which is accepted, and J. matter is continued under the care of said Committee, they to report to next Meeting —

The Committee appointed in consequence of
Silas Fish's request for a certificate reported
one, but it not expressing that he had
Parents consent; it is returned to the
Committee, they to attend to this particular,
and report to the adjournment of this
Meeting

Smithfield Preparative Meeting
inform, that they have raised £3. 9. 1st tow-
ards the yearly Meeting Stock - and
Providence £3. 7 Which is directed to
be paid to the Treasurer, who is desired
to pay to the yearly Meeting Treasurer
£6. 14. 11 it being our proportion of said
Meeting Stock

The Committee in the case of David
Brayton, not being yet ready to make
further report; that matter is referred
to next Meeting, the Committee then to
report

This Meeting Adjourn to the 4th
of 12 M^o. next, to meet at the close of the
5 day Meeting at this place

Fourth

4th of the 12 M^o. The Meeting met
by Adjournment —

The Representatives present are
Henry Russell & Jonathan Congdon —

The Committee appointed in the case
of Silas Fishes' request ^{for a Certificate} reported one
which was approved, and by Order of
the Meeting Signed by the Clerk —

At a Monthly Meeting held
at Smithfield for Providence
24th of 12 M^o. 1794 —

The representatives from the prepar-
ative Meeting of Smithfield are
Augustus Lapham & Ezra Arnold —
from Providence Caleb Green & Ruben
Blanchard —

The printed general Epistle from
our Friends & Brethren held in London
on

on the 5th M^o last was read in this a Meet^g
to good acceptance

The Committee in the Case of the
appointment of Sarah Steer to the place of
an Elder, report as follows

We of the Committee to consider of the Case of Sarah Steer have
solidly considered the same and are not fully clear
whether it may be best to refer that matter still longer
or dismiss it from the Monthly Meeting

16th of 4th M^o 1794

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends for Providence

The Subject Matter of which is referred
to the Monthly Meeting for consideration

Jos. L. Anthony
Augustus Lapham
Benjⁿ Smith
Hephzibah Harris
Lydia Arnold

The Committee appointed to labour
with Abraham Wilkenson inform, that
as a Committee they have not had an opportu-
nity with him since last a Month; that
matter is therefore continued under their
care, they to report to next Monthly
a Meeting

The Committee in the Case of
Preserved Davis report, that they have
had another opportunity with him, and that
he still continues a desire to be longer waited on,
which

which they thought well of. The same
is referred accordingly, under their care,
they to report in the 3rd Mo. next

It appearing by the 8th Answer from
the Preparative Meeting of Smithfield
that there is some doubt respecting the
execution of a Friend's Will, concerning
a Donation to this Meeting, whereupon
Thos. Arnold, Joseph Harris & W^m. Amy
are appointed to inspect into that
matter, and report to next Meeting

The Queries & Answers thereto from the
Preparative Meetings, were read in
this, and general Answers agreed to,
which together with an Acc^t to the
quarterly Meeting is directed to be
presented to said Meeting by our Repre-
sentatives Samuel Hill, Moses Davis
Benjⁿ. Smith

The Committee in the case
of David Brayton's request, not being
ready to Report, that matter is again
referred to next Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence 28 of 1st Mo 1795

The representatives from the preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Jeremiah
Wilkenfon & Augustus Lapham from
Providence W^m Barker & John Holden

The preparative Meeting of Providence
inform, that Ambrose Hunt had appeared in
that Meeting & requested to be admitted to the
care of Friends, and he appearing in this
Meeting & renewing his request Danl.
Anthony & Augustus Lapham are ap-
pointed to take a solid opportunity with
him, and endeavour to discover the motives
of his request & to judge of his suitableness
to be rec^d. as a Member, and report to
next Monthly Meeting

The Subject matter of the report of
the Committee on the Nomination of
Sarah Steer to the place of an Elder,
coming before the Meeting & after
being again considered, her appointments to
that service is concurred with by this Meet^g

The Committee in the case of Abraham Wilkenson inform, that they have paid attention to that matter, but are not yet ready to make further report. It is therefore referred under their care, they to report to next Meeting.

The Committee to make inspection relative to the ^{supposed} non execution of a Friend's Will, taken up from the 8th Answer to the Queries from Smithfield, inform, that some attention has been paid to that matter, but they were not yet ready to report, It is continued under their care, they to report to next meet.

The representatives to the last quarterly Meeting inform, that they all attended and produced the following Minute from said Meeting. — At bridge monthly meeting inform that the meeting house at Douglas is finished the cost of which is £151, 10 and that they had subscribed £112, 11, and desire this meetings assistance in defraying the remainder part of £39, it is therefore recommended that several monthly meetings subscribe thereto in their freedom. — Given at their subscriptions & subscribed by monthly Meeting, and on account of next Quarter. — The Representatives agreed to raise £42, 15 for this meetings stock. — Providence monthly meeting's contribution is £6, 14 9. Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Foxonyssett the 8th and 9th of June 1795 by Sylvester Weeks Clerk

The preparative Meetings are therefore desired
to contribute in their freedom, towards the expence
that has accrued from the building of the
Meeting House at Douglass, and this Meeting
Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly
Meetings treasurer £6.11.9 our proportion of
that Meeting Stock

The Committee in the case of David Brayton's
request, not being yet ready to make further
report at this time — it is again referred under
their care; they to report in the fourth Month
next

Certificate from the Monthly Meet.
of Friends at Gunpowder in Maryland, on
behalf of Edward Marshall, dated 28th of 6th M^o.
last, was read in & accepted by this Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Smithfield for
Providence the 25 of 2nd M^o. 1795—

The representatives from the pre-
parative Meetings, are, from Smith-
field Benjⁿ. Smith & Joseph Harris,
from Providence Amos Turner and
Obadiah Brown all present—

One of the Committee in the case of
Ambrose Hunt informs that one of
them have not had an Opportunity
with him, they are continued to ac-
complish their service, and report to
next Meeting—

The Committee to labour with
Abraham Wilkenson, made the
following report viz^t—

Agreeable to appointment
We have taken another opportunity
with Abraham Wilkenson, who
informed us, he was proceeding to
accomplish a Marriage out of the
order

Order of Friends, and making no particular request for a further continuance — We Submit it to the Meeting, whether a Minute may not be made accordingly —

24. 2 M^o. 1795.

Moses Brown
John Holden

And this Meeting apprehending themselves clear of any further labour with him on that account; disown him to be any longer a Member of our Society, until he shall make Satisfaction to Friends — and John Holden & Obadiah Brown are appointed to inform him of the Doings of this Meeting, respecting him & prepare a Testimony of his denial & report to next Meeting

A Copy of a Minute on behalf of Philip Wanton Lawton from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island 27 of 1 M^o. 1795, was read in & accepted by this Meeting

A Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Joseph Healy Jun^r. dated 20 of 2 M^o. was read in this Meeting and accepted

At a Monthly Meeting held at
Providence 25 of 3 M^o 1795

The representatives from Smithfield
preparative meeting are Joseph Harris,
and Benjamin Smith — from Providence
John Alverson & Jon^a. Congdon, all present
excepting John Alverson

The Committee in consequence
of Ambrose Hunt's request, report, that they
have had an opportunity with him, agreeable
to appointment, and that they thought it
might be safe to admit him to Membership
with Friends — which being considered
is accepted; and with the concurrence of
the Womens Meeting, he is accepted accor-
dingly —

The Committee in the case of Abraham
Wilkenson inform that they have acquainted
him with the Doings of this Meeting
him & presented a Testimony of his Denial
which is referred to next Monthly Meetg.
for consideration

The Queries and Answers from the
preparative Meetings were read in this, and
general Answers agreed to, which, with an Acct.
to the quarterly Meeting are directed to be
presented to said Meeting by our representatives
Benjamin Smith & Caleb Greene.

The Committee appointed to make
inspection relative to a Donation to this
Meeting inform, that they are not ready
to report, that matter is therefore continued
they to report to next Monthly Meeting.

A Copy of a Minute from the Monthly
Meeting of Rhode Island on behalf of Isaac
Almy, Dated 30 of 12 M^o last, was read in &
accepted by this Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the
Case of Preserved Davis inform, that they
are not yet ready to report, they are con-
tinued to attend to that matter & report
to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare
an Essay of a Testimony concerning our
beloved Friend Jos. Scott Deceased, are
desired to endeavour to accomplish that
service, and report to next Monthly
Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held
at Smithfield for Providence 29 of 4
M^o 1795 The representatives from the
preparative Meetings are for Smithfield
Levi Arnold & Jeremiah Harris for Pro-
vidence David & Anthony & Joseph Randall.

The Committee appointed in the case
of David Brayton report, that most of
them have had another opportunity
with him since referred in the first Month
last, and that they should be satisfied if
the Meeting approved of it that he be
admitted to Membership with us, which
is referred to next Monthly Meeting for
consideration

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The Committee appointed to make inspection
relative to a Donation to this Meeting - Report
that they have considered of the Donation given this
Meeting by David Steere in his Will, of 5 dols. p. Annum
for ~~five~~ years
And that upon inspection, there does not appear
to be any Assets in the hands of the Executors of
said Will, but what is claimed by other Legatees,
and that a difficulty now Subsists among some
Friends on that Account, And that there is a
prospect of an accommodation of the said difficulty
provided this Meeting relinquishes any claim
upon the Estate of David Steere on Acc^t. of
said Legacy: Whereupon this Meeting in
Consideration of said ^{of Settlement} prospect, relinquishes all
claim which they now have in Law or Equity
to the aforesaid Legacy

The Committee appointed to labour with
Preserved Davis report, that they have
again visited & laboured with him, and that
it was their judgment that it would be best
that he be disowned from being any longer
a Member of our Society, which after con-
sideration is accepted and with the
Concurrence of the Womens Meeting
he is disowned accordingly, and

John

John Holden and Caleb Greene are
appointed to prepare a Testimony of Denial
and inform him of the Doings of this
Meeting respecting him, and report
to next Meeting.

The further consideration of the
Testimony of the Denial of Abraham
Wilkenson is deferred until next
Meeting, the Essay produced by the
Committee ~~existing~~ being not present, the Clerk
is desired to make inspection for it
in order to be presented to next Meeting.

The Committee to prepare an Essay
of a Testimony concerning our beloved
Friend Job Scott Deceased report, that
some progress has been made in that
business, but not yet completed, they
are continued to effect the Object of their
appointment & report to next Meeting.

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The time being expired for which the Clerk
was appointed to serve, Benjⁿ Smith, David & Anthony
Caleb Green are appointed to think of some
suitable Friend to serve the Meeting in
that capacity, and report to next Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence 27th of 5th Mo^o 1795

The representatives from the Preparative
Meeting of Smithfield are Joseph Farnum
and Ezra Arnold — from Providence Elihu
Bowen Jun^r & Levi Hunt — all present.

The Committee appointed to Consider of &
Nominate some Friend to serve the Meeting
as Clerk, Report John Holden for that service
for the Year ensuing, which is concurred with
& he is appointed accordingly.

The further consideration of the Report
of the Committee in the case of David Brayton,
coming before the Meeting, but he not attend-
ing at this Meeting the further consideration of f^d
report is again referred to next Monthly Meeting
of the

The Preparative Meeting of Providence
inform that Saml Smith proposes declaring
his intentions of Marriage with Hannah
Comstock before this Meeting, accordingly
after he had produced a certificate
from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield
certifying his cleanness in that respect
and also Parents Consent; — They appeared
in this Meeting, and declared their
intentions aforesaid, which is noticed
and they desired to ~~Wait~~ until next
Monthly Meeting for Answer

The Committee to prepare a Testi-
mony of the denial of Preserved Davis
and inform him of the Doings of this Meet^g
respecting him produced a Testimony of his
Denial, which being read & approved & by
Order of the Meeting Signed by the clerk and
they are continued to inform him of the
Doings of this Meeting, and report to next
Monthly Meeting

W^h

Whereas Preserved Davis had by Birth^a right
of Membership in our religious Society, but
through inattention to the good & wholesome
Rules thereof, he hath gone into several things
contrary thereto, particularly in the neglecting
the attendance of our religious Meetings,
both for Worship and Discipline, as also in
Dress & address, and married out of the Order
of Friends, for which he hath been laboured
with, without the desired effect — We therefore
disown him as a member and put him from
under our care as such until he makes
suitable satisfaction, which we desire
he may be enabled to do

Given forth by the Monthly Meeting
of Providence this 27 day of 5th Mo. 1795.
Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
by ————— John Holden Clerk

One of the Committee to prepare an
Essay of a Testimony concerning our
beloved Friend Job Scott Deceased informs
that it is not yet completed, they are
continued to complete the same and
report to next Meeting

The Testimony of the Denial of
Abraham Wilkenfon, not being yet
presented W^m. Almy is desired to make
further inspection for it and report
to next Meeting

Smithfield preparative Meet^g
inform, that they have raised ~~two pounds~~
Two Pounds $3/4$ towards the expence
of building Douglass Meeting House

Caleb Green & David Anthony
are appointed to receive the Books &
papers belonging to this Meeting
that are in the Hands of the former Clk &
deliver them to the present Clerk & report
to next Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield for Providence 24 of 6th Mo. 1795.

The Representatives to attend this Meeting
are from Smithfield are from Smithfield Benjⁿ.
Smith & Sam^l. Hill; from Providence Joseph
Randall & Charles Holden, all present —

Certificate from the Middle Monthly
Meeting in Warwickshire (England) held at
Coventry 3 of 12. Month 1794, on behalf of
Sam^l. Newit, was read in & accepted by this
a Meeting —

Also one from the Monthly Meeting
of Rhode Island, on behalf of W^m. Anthony
dated 31 of 3rd Mo. 1795 —

Sam^l. Smith & Hannah Comstock
appeared at this a Meeting for Answer, and
not any thing appearing to hinder their pro-
ceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish
their Marriage agreeable to the good Order
established among Friends, and Levi Hunt & Caleb
Greene are appointed to take care that the same be
decently solemnized & report to next a Meeting —

The report of the Committee in the case of David Brayton, coming before this Meet.^y, but he not attending, the further consideration of that matter is referred to next Meeting —

The Committee continued to inform Preserved Davis of his denial & report that he has been informed —

An Essay of a Testimony of the Denial of Abraham Wilkenfon was presented, which after being read & amended, was approved, & by Order of the Meet.^y Signed by the Clerk as follows —

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence
24 of 6 M^o. 1795 —

Whereas Abraham Wilkenfon, who had a right of Membership in our religious Society, hath by un^{der}attending to the ad

advice of his Parents and Friends, contracted
Marriage with a Person not in Membership
with us, contrary to our Discipline, and We
Having laboured with him in order that
his conduct might be conformable to our
profession, but not with the desired success,
we therefore disowned unity with him,
and put him from under our care as a
Member —

Signed in & on behalf of our said
Meeting aforesaid by —

John Holden Clk.

One of the Committee to prepare a Testi-
mony, concerning our beloved Friend Job
Scott Deceased, inform that it is not
yet finished — They are continued to
complete it, and report to next Meetg.

The Committee to receive the Books
& papers in the Hands of the former Clerk
and

and deliver them to the present Clerk.
report, that that Business is not yet
accomplished — The papers not
being quite ready to be delivered —
They are continued to accomplish
their appointment, and report to
next Meeting —

Providence preparative Meetg
inform, that they have raised one
pound & nineteen Shillings towards
building the Meeting House at
Douglass, which with that
raised by Smithfield is directed to
be ~~add~~ to the Treasurer, who is de-
sired to forward the same to Wobridge
Monthly Meeting —

This Meeting concludes to raise
the sum of fifteen pounds to supply
this Meeting's Treasury, and the

Preparative Meetings are desired
to subscribe thereto, and report to
next Meeting

At a monthly Meeting held at Providence
29 of 7^m 1795 the Representatives appointed
by the Preparative meeting are for Smithfield
Joseph Hannan & Augustus Lapham for
Providence Henry Russell & Isaac Almy - all
present

The consideration of the Committee
respecting David Maytors request being a
gain before the meeting, and nothing but that
he might be admitted to Membership with
friends agreeable to request - and the
Womans Meeting having no objection to this
prospect he is admitted to the care of Friends
accordingly the committee appointed to take care
in the case of Sam^l Smith & Hannah Comstock's
Marriage reported that according to their prospect it was
orderly conducted

One of the Committee appointed
to prepare an essay of a Testimony
concerning our beloved Friend Jos^{ph} Scott Dec^d
reports that it is not yet accomplished - The Committee
are desired to attend to it and report to Next Meeting
The Committee appointed for that purpose report
that they have received the books and Papers belong-
ing to this meeting -

That was in the hands of the former clerk and delivered them to the present clerk —

A Certificate on behalf of Thomas Healy from the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston dated 27 of 4^m 1795 was read in and Excepted by this Meeting — Also a copy of a Minute from the monthly Meeting of Greenwich dated 16 of 4^m 1795 on behalf of Benjamin Spencer

The Queries and Answers thereto from our preparative Meeting, were read in this, and General Answers agreed to which with an acct is directed to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting next ensuing by our Representatives Asa Arnold William Abney & Caleb Green —

A Certificate was presented by the women's Meeting from the Monthly Meeting of Rhodisland on behalf of Susannah Brownell and her four sons, Namely Isaac, Moses, Stephen & Peter dated 30 of 6^m 1795 which was read and Excepted —

This meeting Appointed Abner Borden & Jos: Jarnam, to look into the circumstances of our lot at Rilluate where our Meeting house stood and collect the Rents that may be found due up — out and do what appears to them necessary and report to next monthly meeting —

Certificates on behalf of Anna & Rebecca Brownell from Rhodisland Monthly Meeting was read in & Excepted by this Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence 26 of 8m 1795 The Representatives appointed
by the Preparative Meetings are for Smithfield Asa
Arnold & Jeremiah Wainfor for Providence
Joseph Randall & Jonathan Congdon all
Present — The Committee appointed to prepare
an essay of a Testimony concerning our Beloved Friend
Job Scott den^y reported one which after being Read
Up and Deliberated upon by this Meeting & some
amendments proposed is returned to the Committee
and they are desired to attend to it and make out
a fair Copy & such alterations as appear to them
necessary and report to Next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to inspect into the Circumstances
of our lost & destitute report that they have paid some
Attention to that Matter and are continued to
Accomplish & buy goods and report to Next Meeting —

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly
Meeting report that they have all attended —

Joseph Harris William Abney & Asa Arnold
are appointed a Committee to consider of the
Subject Matter brought up in Providence Preparative
Meeting Minute respecting a Person living
in Mansfield Massachusetts and to Report to our
Next Monthly Meeting

Providence Preparative
Meeting inform that they had Subscrib^d six poun^d
Eleven shillings & six pence & paid to the Treasurer
and Smithfield by their representatives that they
had raised seven pounds eighteen shillings

A Certificate from the monthly Meeting of
Cornwall in the State of New York on behalf
of Iaber Greene son of John Greene dec'd dated 20th
of 4^m 1795 was read in and Excepted by this
Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at
Providence 23^d of 9^m 1795 — the Representatives from
the Coeparative Meeting are Jar. Smith Jr. —
Levi Arnold & Samuel Hills for Providence
Jonathan Congdon & Ruben Blanchard all present

The Committee continued from last monthly
Meeting to Make out a fair Copy and such
Alterations as appeared to them best respecting an
Essay of a Testamoney of our beloved friend Job
Scott by them then presented reported one which
was read up in this Meeting and after Sole
Deliberation there on is approv'd by this Meeting
and the same is — Directed to be signed
by the Clerk in and on behalf of this Meeting &
Recorded which is as follows —

The Testamoney of the
Half Yearly Meeting in Ireland in behalf of our
S^r friend directed to this Meeting is also directed
to be recorded as follows & the same is also directed
to be sent up to the Quarterly Meeting to gather with
the Testamoney of this Meeting by our representatives

A Testamoney from the Monthly
Meeting of Providence concerning Job Scott

Our beloved friend Job Scott was born in Providence
10 of the 10th Mo 1751 newstyle in that part of it now Northprovidence.
His parents were John & Lydia Scott who gave him
Such Opportunities, as through his turn of Literary improve-
ment he Acquired both a Competent Share in Common
School Learning, and made some progress in some other
Branches of Literature — In his young years it appeared,
that by disregarding the reproofs of Instruction
Manifested in his own mind, he was drawn into Vanity
Dissipation and Folly, rejected and great were his conflicts
between his depraved propensities, and the convictions
of truth, but the latter humbling and melting his heart
into contrition, he was graciously favoured to see the
evil of his ways — and the destruction which awaited him
if he did not reject the Tempter, forsake his wicked
Companions and turn to the Lord, in obedience to his
holy Law written in his heart, till at length he so learned
obedience to his ~~holy law~~ by the things which he suffered.
That he gave up to the operations of the spirit of
Christ upon him in the faith of its divine
restraining preserving and sanctifying power —
and there experienced the consolation of his
Heavenly Fathers Love — Being thus Humble
under the various Turnings of the Lords hand
upon him and clearly convinced of the power
and efficacy of the distinguish principle of our
holy profession viz. The light of Christ within
man, as Gods gift for his Salvation; — He
requested the care & became a Member of the
Monthly Meeting of Smithfield then extending
to Providence; And being of strong & ready
abilities, and his mind informed & enlarged by
the sanctifying power of truth, he was enabled

&

and zealously and very usefully disposed for the promotion of the cause of righteousness in which he was engaged.

He having measurably learned in the School of Christ, the mystery of the fall and restoration of Man, to understand the Scriptures and pertinently to apply them, was brought under the preparing hand of the Lord for the work of the Ministry, under which dispensation his soul was deeply Baptized, and brought under great sympathy with feeble souls, who were traveling in birth that Christ might be formed in them; to whom he was at times and seasons enabled powerfully to administer encouragement and consolation — Thus for several years, as well as by Letters and Epistles, for which he was eminently gifted, with instructive & edifying Talents, he laboured for the promotion of the cause of truth, now become precious in his sight. And about the 23rd year of his age, he appeared in the Ministry at a ^{public} Meeting in Providence, expressive of the desire of his soul that, "Zion might arise, & shake herself from the dust of the Earth and put on her beautiful Garments"

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The gravity in which he appeared, the Sympathy which was felt and the solemnity of the Season were refreshingly remembered by some to the present day — At this time he taught a School in Providence, in which employ he continued several years, and afterwards in Smithfield, much to the Satisfaction of his employers, and the Children & youth under his care, whose confidence and affections he very generally gained and preserved, to some of whom his memory is yet precious.

In his attendance of all our religious meetings as well as those for the discipline of the Church; in the various duties of private life, as well as in the Station of Son, Husband, Parent & neighbour, he was truly exemplary.

His appearance in the Ministry was not very frequent when at home, and he was frequently led into an example of Silence when abroad — Exemplarily circumspect not to minister without fresh anointing, and careful in attending closely to the turning of the key of David, well knowing when that shuts none can open,
and

and therefore whenever he perceived
the Subject to close & the life withdraw,
however clear his opening and free the
Spring of life had been at his beginning
he would suddenly sit down, however
in the Cross, for he had a testimony to
bear against the superficial & lifeless
Ministry, and very exemplarily avoided
it. — His first visit abroad, was
to the motherly part of the yearly meetg
of New York, which proved a season of
close probation and conflict of mind, yet
endeavouring to attend to the pointings
of duty from place to place, he was, as
appears by his Certificates favoured to
return with the approbation of those
he visited. — And by a prospect
which it appears he had as he was re-
turning home, not wholly unlike the
Apostle Paul 2 Cor. 12. He was strength-
end to perseverance in a dedication of
heart to the Lord; for in this luminous
and extatic prospect it appeared to him
that all his corruptions and spots were
made clean before the Lamb, and he
made to partake of the consolations & joys
of the heavenly Host, yet like the Apo

Apostle Paul, he had soon after to experience the thorn in the flesh (ist he should be exalted beyond measure, even the messenger of Satan was permitted to buffet him, but he besought the Lord for his preservation, and received the consoling answer of, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. — Thus buffeted, tried and tempted, he had to tread in the steps of the great Apostle, and his dear Lord & Master, and thereby became more perfected through sufferings —

() He afterwards visited New York & New Jersey & Pennsylvania twice, and once the Southern States as far as Georgia, returning Certificates of the approbation of those he visited, among whom we have good reason to believe he has left many souls of his Gospel & Ministry, and near & dear Unity and fellowship with him as a brother Beloved, as well as in these & other parts of our own yearly Meeting — He also visited some part of the State of Connecticut and had meetings among those not of our Society —

Soon

Soon after which a prospect that
for some years before had opened to his
view, of visiting great Britain and
Ireland, had so ripened on his mind
as to ^{Induce him to} open the same to his friends for
their concurrence & certificate; in the
9^m 1792. he received one from this
Monthly Meeting; in the 10th m^o from
our quarterly meeting for Rhode Island;
on the 26 of the 11th m^o he took a solemn
leave of his family and friends at
home Sailed from Boston the 5th of
12^m for Dunkirk in France

On the passage the Ship sprang a leak
and had a severe Gale of Wind, but
it appears this our friend was pre-
served resigned and stayed through all
while the Mariners on board were
tormented with amazement & terror, Cor-
responding with a prospect which
he received & recorded in his Journal
left at home, about twelve Months
before he Sailed; on a view of which
a striking evidence is thereby raised
that prophecy or communication to

to the mind, of future events, has not
ceased — but that the Lord still
continues graciously to open his Visions
of light to his devoted Servants by way
of pointing to duty, forewarning of
events & guiding the mind through
them in confirmation of divine Super-
intendence & their faith in his gracious
appearance —

He arrived at Dunkirk the
5th of 1st M^o and after tarrying there about
ten days, much to his own and friends satis-
faction, he proceeded to England, taking some
meetings in Kent went to London, attending
the different Meetings in that City, then into
Wales and attended the several Monthly &
quarterly meetings & the yearly Meeting at
Carmarthen; thence to Bristol & returning
to London attended the yearling Meeting
there, who in their Epistles to ours speak
of him in a very satisfactory manner;
He then went to Liverpool taking Meetings
on his way, and so passed over to Ireland
and visited all the meetings of Friends
and some of other Societies there, attended
the National half years Meeting in Dublin
was

was taking a few Meetings a second time
when he was taken ill of the small pox
at the house of our friend Elizabeth
Shakleton in Ballitore, from whence
he dictated a Letter on the 14th of 11th Mo^o
to his relations and friends, out of which
and an account taken by the friends who
attended him, we extract the following
He says "I am now 28 Irish Miles from
Dublin, entered 5 days into the small
pox, I feel easiest to address you,
principally that you may know
that my mind enjoys that which removes
beyond all sorrow. — Of his Children
He says "I wish them to get a little more
learning than some of them are at present
in the way of; and although I do not
wish much of the worlds polish, yet
it is at this awful moment my desire
that they may not be brought up with
much rusticity, for this, I believe has
not very often contributed either to civil
or Religious usefulness. — My desire is
for my Childrens substantial growth in
the truth, and strict adherence to all its
discoveries, to the close of their days, is by
far

Far my principal wish for them; Out of the enjoyment of a good degree of this precious inheritance, I know of nothing in this world worth living for: ye that know it, suffer nothing, I most cordially beseech you, ever to divert your minds from an encroaching & fervent pursuit after the fullness of it — even to the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ.

At another time said — "My spirits are under little or no depression; perhaps I never saw a time before when all things not criminal were so nearly alike to me in point of any disturbance to the mind — when I verge a little towards sleep, I am all afloat from the state of my nerves, and forced immediately from beginning repose, but through all, the soul seems deeply anchored in God — my heart seems melted within me in a retrospective view; all the former conflicts, however grievous in their time, are lighter now than vanity, except as they are clearly seen to have contributed largely to the sanctification of the soul, as they are remembered with awefulness & gratitude before him who has not been wanting to preserve through them all — and

and as they seem likely to introduce, either very shortly or before a long time, to an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

At another time he said "It is the Lord that enables to coincide with his will and say amen to all the trials & conflicts he permits to attend us. — my mind is centred into that which brings into perfect acquiescence; there is nothing in this world worth being enjoyed, out of the divine will. — He gave directions, that if he should go hence, every thing about his Interment should be plain & simple, expressed his entire resignation to the divine disposal, and that he found nothing to stand between him & the fountain of everlasting love —

At another time he said, "I have ^{all} no fear, for perfect love casteth out fear and he that feareth, is not perfected in love — His stomach refused all nourishment and a hiccough came on, He said "do not force nature; let me pass quietly away to the eternal inheritance" Soon after he said "I am waiting patiently to see the Salvation of God — do you wait patiently with me, I have no desire nor

nor the shadow of a desire to be restored;
I hope the Doctors will soon find, that they
have done their part — To one he said,
"Thy being here has been an inexpressible
satisfaction to me; — afterwards said
"I have known something of that law
of love whereby all boasting is entirely
excluded — but I may say, through
that which has supported me under
all the trials and conflicts, which have
attended my passage through life, to
you my beloved friends, as to dear children,
Follow me as I have endeavoured to follow
Christ Jesus the Lord of life & glory and the
rock of my eternal salvation" —

We omit many other weighty and
instructive expressions of our friend, which
he uttered during his illness, and till near
his close, lest this Testimony should be
thought to extend beyond its proper limits,
yet we may add, that as he lived so he
died, in the faith of the universality
and sufficiency of divine grace for man's
salvation, though all men do not so embrace
it as to be saved; yet as he expressed near
his last, the way is open for all — the way
is open for all — and

and soon quietly departed this life the
22nd of y. 11 M^o 1793, at the house of our
aforesaid friend Elizabeth Shakleton in
Balitore in Ireland;— And we doubt
not finished his course with joy and
is entered into the place of his rest,
where the righteous shine forth as
"the sun in the kingdom of their
Father—" Signed in & on behalf
of said Monthly Meeting by—

John Holden clk
Lydia Arnold clk

And the same is also directed to be sent up to the Quarterly Meeting together with the aforesaid Testimony of this Meeting by our Representatives

The Committee appointed in the case of our letter at Scituate report that they have not accomplished are continued to complete the same, and report to our next Meeting

The Committee appointed to consider of the propriety of receiving an application from a Person living in Mansfield; report that by Inquiry it appears the Person referred to lives Nearer this than Swansea Monthly Meeting. It is therefore considered that agreeable to the Quarterly Meetings constitution the Preparative Meeting May take notice of any application from that Neighbourhood as Business if they think Proper

Providence Preparative Meeting Inform that William Collings proposes to lay his Intention of Marriage with Anna Fish before this Meeting; and they appearing in this Meeting and declared there said Intentions of Marriage were directed to come to Next Monthly Meeting for an Answer Having Produced a Certificate of his cleanness and Consent of Parents

The Yearly Meeting Having Recommended to the several Quarterly Meetings to Raise the sum of \$100 for Yearly Meeting Stock, & this Monthly Meeting Proportion is agreed to, being \$6.66 it is recommended to the Preparative Meeting to Subscribe there to in freedom and send up to Next Monthly Meeting

Benjamin Smith and Joseph Randall are
appointed Representatives to attend our Next Quarterly
Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 28 of Nov^r 1795 The Representatives
from the Preparatives Meetings are from Smithfield
Rufus Smith and Samuel Arnold from
Providence Henry Russell and John Cleason
all Present

The Clerk being Absent Joseph Harris
is appointed Clerk for the Day
The Committee in the case of our Lot in scituate Report
that they have found Charles Harris Security for
the payment of the Rent of one Dollar & Year since
1784 and presented the same to the Administrators
of his Estate - which is represented Insolvent.. and
They having also presented to this Meeting a copy
of the Deed of said Lot. from Gideon Harris of
which Richard Mowry of Yebbridge appears
to be the only Surviving Heir in Trust - the said
Committee are continued to confer with him on the
Subject, and also to secure the Title to the said
Estate in the Society by such Act of Richard as
they may find Proper - and to Make report
When Accomplished - and the Raising Out and
Disposal of the said Lot be committed to the said friends

Who are Joseph Farnam Elihu Bower Jr and
Richard Morry and Ruben Blanchard
is added to said Committee —

The Womans Meeting inform that Mercy Will
had Requested the care of Friends and that
after due Labour & Consideration they laid with
the approbation of this Meeting conclude to
except her a Member whereupon we unite
with them there in —

William Collings & Anna Fish appeared in this
Meeting & declared there continuation of their Intents
of Marriage Desiring an Answer the Necessary
care having been taken they were allowed
to Proceed Aza Arnold & David Anthony
are appointed to see that they same be Orderly
Accomplished & report to our Next Meeting

The Preparative Meetings inform that they
have the Raising of Moneys for they Yearly
Meeting Stock under Notice —

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform:
that Two of Jeremiah Wilkinsons Sons have
Removd to Cambridge In white Creek State
of New York by Name Gardner & Job where up
on this Meeting appoints Benjamin Smith
and Joseph Harris to take the Necessary care
and report to our Next Monthly Meeting —

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence 25th 11^m 1795 The Representatives are for Smithfield Augustus Lapham & Stephen Smith for Providence Caleb Green & Levi Hunt All Present —

The Committee appointed to attend to the cons^{er}mati^{on} of the Marriag of William Collings & Anna Fish Report that According to there Prospect it was orderly Conducted —

The Committee appointed to take the Necessary care in the case of Gardner & Job Wilkinson Report ~~that~~ a Certificate on their behalf directed to Easton Monthly Meeting in the State of New York Which being read up & after consideration there on Was approved by this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk who is directed to forward the same as soon as may be —

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that there Meeting House was Verry Much out of Repair the same being taken in to consideration by this Meeting to appoint Benjamin Smith & Asa Arnold to take the Necessary care and Make such Repair as appears to them necessary — And Report to this Meeting When Accomplished

This Meeting reciev^d a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island held at ^{us} Portsmouth dated 27th of 10^m 1795 in behalf of our ^{friend} Joseph Antho

Recommending him to the care of this Meeting which
is excepted by this Meeting

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that they
have Subscrib'd & paid to the Treasurer \$3¹ 10⁰ 8¹
and Smithfield Preparative Meeting that they
had Subscribed and paid, to the Treasr. by the
hand of Benjamin Smith \$3¹ 5⁰ 6 to Geather
Amounting to six pounds sixteen shillings & 7¹
This Meeting's Treasr. is orderd to pay to the Yearly
Meeting's Treasr. Our Proportion of Yearly meeting
Stock

This Meeting Received the following ^{acts} Extract
from our last Quarterly & Yearly Meeting Minutes
and Appointed Thomas Arnold Benjamin Smith
Olinhaester & Amos Turner to Attend to all the
Subject Matters there in contained and to
Report to our Next Meeting

The Manner and Place of Holding
the Meetings at Wyonkeage & situate being
opened before this Meeting after deliberation the same
is Refrd for the Consideration of Next Monthly
Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 30 of 12 m. 1795 the Representatives
appointed by the Preparative Meetings are for
Smithfield Joseph Farnham & George Hoanis for
Providence Joseph Anthony & Obidiah Brown
All Present

The Queries and Answers from
the Preparative Meetings being read up in this

Meeting and General Answer computed there from, and
Forwarded by Our Representatives who are Joseph Harris &
William Almy who are appointed to attend Our next Quarterly
Meeting to Report their Attendance to our Next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting Recd a Certificate from Swansey Monthly
Meeting held at Somerset dated 7 of 12^m 1795 recommend-
ing Benjth Earl & Mary Earl and children Namely Ezra
= both and John ^{to the care of this meeting} which is excepted by this Meeting —

The Committee appointed to take into consideration
The Subject Matter of the extracts from Our last Quarterly
and Yearly Meeting Minutes Report that they have paid
attention to these appointments but are not ready
to report which is continued under their care and they
are desired to Report to our next meeting —

The Manner and Places of Holding the
Meetings of Scituate, and Yankheage coming before
the Meeting Moses Proctor Benjamin Smith & Joseph
Harris are appointed to attend said Meetings and to
Confer with friends there and to consider of the Places
where it would be Best for those Meetings to be held in
future and if any alteration appears Necessary to advise
the same and to Report to Next Meeting —

The Committee in the case of the Meeting House
Lot in Scituate Report that they have treated with Richard
Morrey respecting the same and that he is ready to
convey the same to such Persons in trust as the Meeting may
appoint. It is therefore concluded that the same Committee
Namely Ruben Planchard Joseph Farmer & Elihu Bowen^{rs}
Be the Trustees and that they have the conveyance Made Agree^d
to the former Recommended by the Meeting for sufferings —

The time for which the Overseers & Overseers of the Door
were appointed being elapsed & the day being far spent
The Res. Appointments of them is Referred to our Next Monthly
Meeting — 1796.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 22^d of 1st 1796 - The Representatives are for Smith, R.
Joseph Harris & Benjamin Smith for Providence
William Barker & John Holden all Present —

The Committee ^{in kind} appointed to attend our last Quarterly
Meeting Report that they all attend And presents a
Recommendation from the Quarterly Meeting to this Meeting
to subscribe in freedom towards defraying the Expenses of
Building a Meeting House within the Village of Greenwich
Monthly Meeting This Meeting directs the Treas^r of this
Meeting to pay to Greenwich Monthly Meeting five
Pounds toward Defraying the same & Report to this Meeting
when accomplished.

The Committee appointed to take
into consideration Subject Matter of the Extracts from
our former last Yearly and Quarterly Meeting
Respecting Schools Report, which being read up in
this Meeting and after solid Deliberation there on
It returned to s^d Committee and they are desir^g
to pay farther Attention to s^d Matter & Goeth with
The School Committee who are also desir^d to attend to
The Subject and unite in a solid Conference, and
It way Opens to point out what in the Present
State of Society would be Best to do in the Case —
and Report to our Next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed to visit Ritate and Wankhigue Meetings report that they have Not visited & Meetings are Continued for that service are desir'd to attend to there appointment & Report to our Next Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the care of our Meeting House Lett at Ritate Report that they have not Accomplish'd ^{the} Business are desir'd to pay Attention to it And Report to Our Next Meeting —

The Ora Appointment of the Overseers and Overseers of the Poor coming again before the Meeting Benjamin Smith Timothy Green John Gooden Joseph Harris & Jos. Randall are appointed Overseers, and William Barker & Obediah Brown are Appointed Overseers of the Poor for The Year Insuwing —

This Meeting Judging it Necessary to Discharge one half of the Meetings Debt a grant Raise sixty five pounds For that purpose, and it is recommended to the Preparative Meetings to Subscribe toward Raising that sum to supply The Treasury —

At a Monthly Meeting held at South Wick for Providence 24th of 2nd mo 1796 the Representatives are Jos. Smith, Sils. Orial Wilkenson and Samuel Hills — For Providence David Anthony and Charles Gooden — All Present Except Charles Gooden —

The Treasurer informs that he has Not paid the Money to Greenwich Monthly Meeting as Directed is Continued for that service, & to Report to Next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee on the Subject of Schools Maids
Report but it not appearing compleat, they
Are defin'd to Accomplish it and report to our
Next Meeting —

The Committee to Visit Scituate and Weyon
Heag Meetings Maids the following report respecting
Scituate which is Excepted, and the holding of
Meeting at the Places there is Proposed, is agreed to
And it is to be held Accordingly — They are Contin^{ue}
to pay Further Attention to the Meeting of Weyon
Heag, as there Service does not appear to be accomplish'd
Respecting that Meeting, and Report to Next Meeting —

The Preparative Meetings inform that they have
begun Subscriptions, are defin'd to finish them and
Report to this Meeting when Accomplish, —

Southfield Preparative Meeting inform that
Samuel Hill has Maids Application that his three
Youngest Children Namely Deborah Frelove & Daniel
Might be receiv'd to the care of friends Where Upon
this Meeting Appoints Joseph Harris & William
Almy to take a Solid Opportunity with them,
and there Parrients with the Committee Appoint
by the Womens Meeting and report there Judgement
Respecting what would be best to do in the case
to Next Monthly Meeting —

A Certificate from Greenwich Monthly
Meeting on behalf of Amy Fish was read
and this Meeting concurs with the Women
in Excepting the same —
(Dated 1st 1796 —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
29 of 3rd 1796 The Representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Harris &
Jeremiah Wilkinson Jr. Providence Joseph Randall
& Joseph Healy all Present —

----- The Treas^r Reports that he has paid
the Money to Greenwich Monthly Meeting as directed

----- The Committee on the Subject of Schools Make
The following ^{Report} which is Accepted and the Clerk is directed
to transcribe it together with a Copy of this Minute
and forward to the Quarterly Meeting as our Return
to the recommendation of that Meeting in 10th Past —

----- The Committee Continued from Our Last
To Visit Weymouth League Meeting, Make the following ^{Report}
Which is Accepted and the Meetings Particularly held
at the House that formerly belonged to David Steer is
Accordingly discontinued, and the part that respects
its being held at Elisha Steers, is Under the Consideration
of this Meeting and is Referred to Our Next Monthly Meeting

----- Smithfield's preparative Meeting inform
They have subscribed thirty two pounds Ten Shillings
And Providence Preparative Meeting inform they have
Raised thirty pounds & Ten pence, and Friends are Desired
to attend too it, and Complete their Subscriptions —

The School-Committee are requested to enquire
into the original appropriation of Rachel Trayer's
Donation and also the monthly meetings after
appropriations of the same, and report the matter
to this Meeting next month, and in the mean
time to advise the Treasurer how to dispose of that
part thereof that is in his hands —

The Committee appointed in the case of Samuel Hill's request for his children's report, they have not accomplished that service; they are continued to accomplish the same & Report to next meeting.

The answers from the preparative meetings were read up here & general answers formed therefrom and approved herein, and ordered to be presented to our next quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Benjamin Smith Caleb Greene & George Harris.

This meeting being presented with a removal certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting in favour of Daniel Healey, but it not being descriptive of the capacity in which he appeared among us viz as an Apprentice, and not containing the necessary particulars to constitute a proper removal Certificate for an adult - We appoint Moses Brown to return the same that one more descriptive of the case may be obtained.

Augustus Lapham is appointed to read the Testimony of Abraham Wilken's denial at the close of a public Meeting at Smithfield and report to next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 27th of 4th Mo. 1796, The representatives
appointed by the preparative meetings are, for
Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Timothy Greene
for Providence Henry Russell & Amos Turner
all present —

The matter of holding the Meeting
at Elisha Peeres referred from last monthly
meeting, being again before the meeting, and
after solid consideration thereon, it is the opinion
of this meeting that it be continued at Elisha's as
it was heretofore held the 2nd & 4th first day, &
2nd 5th day in each Month & Reuben Blanchard,
Benjamin Smith & H^{on} & H^{on} are appointed
to attend said meeting from time to time
as truth may open the way, and report to this
meeting once a quarter, their prospect of the
State of that meeting —

This meeting being informed by the way
of Providence preparative meeting that they
have subscribed £32.10/ and Smithfield that they
had raised £32.10/ which they are desired to pay
into the Treasury is desired to pay the
£65 towards discharging this meetings debts &
report to next monthly meeting —

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A Certificate from Somerset (Swansey) a Monthly Meeting dated 4th M^o. 4th 1796, recommending Elizabeth Austin to the care of this Meeting, was read up in this Meeting and concurred with the Womens Meeting in accepting the same.

The doings of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield respecting Rachel Thayers Donation being read up in this Meeting, are referred to the School-Committee agreeable to their appointment they are desired to consider of the same & report to next meeting, what they think would be best for this Meeting to do with the same in future.

One of the Committee appointed in the case of Samuel Hill's request for his children, report that they have not accomplished said business, one of them being mostly absent since last Month, they are continued & desired to attend to it, and report to next monthly meeting & Augustus Lapham is added to said Committee.

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting, report that they attended & presented the following minute and the preparative Meeting is desired to subscribe thereto in freedom.

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The friend appointed to read the testimony of denial of Abraham Wilkenson reports - that from what passed in last a Monthly Meeting after his appointment, he had not read it, but the same being produced and read in this Meeting, it is thought best not to have it read at present.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence 25 of 5th Mo. 1796, The representatives from the preparative Meetings are for Smithfield Augustus Lapham & Joseph Farnum - for Providence Isaac & Henry and Joseph & Anthony, all present.

The Treasurer reports that he has paid the Money as directed by last a Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the case of Rachel Thayer's donation, together with the School Committee, made report which is accepted and is as follows.

According to our appointment we have made enquiry into the circumstance of Rachel Thayers Donation, and find that it appears to have been the sense of Smithfield monthly meeting (before it was divided) that it was most congenial to what appeared to be the intention of the Donor; that the Interest of the Donation should be appropriated to the

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purposes of Education, unless some special circumstances made it necessary to vary the appropriation, in which case a discretionary power was considered to be vested in the Meeting — It also appears that this monthly meeting in the 3^d M^o 1784, confirmed the same manner of appropriating the Donation viz^t. for the purposes of Education, and it now appears to your Committee, that the Meeting would do well to continue it in the same line, and we have also advised the Treasurer respecting the disposition of the part of it that is now in his Hands —

Providence 5th of 7 M^o 1796. — Benjⁿ Smith —
Oziel Wilkenson —
W^m A. Amy —
David A. Anthony —
Ezra Arnold —
Elihu Bowen Jun^r —

The Committee appointed in the case of Samuel Gills request for his Children viz^t. Deborah, Freelove & Daniel reported which was read up in this Meeting and after solid consideration thereon reported accordingly and is as follows viz^t —

We your Committee in the Case of Samuel
Hill's request for his Children being admitted
Members of our Society, have attended thereto
and had an opportunity with them, the Children
appearing orderly, We find nothing to hinder
their being admitted Members—

Augustus Lapham

Joseph Harris—

Lydia Wilkenson—

Lydia Arnold—

This Meeting received a Certificate from South Kingston
Monthly Meeting dated 25th of 4th Mo. 1796, recommending
Daniel Healey, a Minor, to the care of this Monthly
Meeting, which is accepted—

This meeting received a few lines from Uxbridge
monthly meeting dated 29th of 4th Mo. 1796, informing
that Nathan Constock was come to reside a few months
within the verge of this meeting and that he was a
member of our Society, Signed by George Constock
Clerk for this time which is accepted—

Smithfield preparative meeting informed
that they had noticed the recommendation from last
quarterly meeting, but by reason of their meeting
being small had referred the Subscription to the
next preparative meeting—

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Providence preparative meeting also informed
that they had subscribed and paid to the Treasurers
£3. 10/1¹/₂ quarterly, meeting's Stock.

The Womens meeting having requested the
advice and assistance of this meeting in the case of
Elizabeth Bateman, Our friends Wm. Flury, David
Anthony and Daniel Anthony are appointed to
unite with a Committee of the Women in that
Case, to look into the circumstances and do what
appears necessary between this and next monthly
meeting, when they are to report — The Treasurer
and the Overseers of the poor are desired to attend
to what the Committee may advise in that case —

This meeting received a Letter from
Sandwich monthly meeting dated 4th of 9^{mo}. 1795,
in the Case of Abigail Walker, which is referred
to the same friends as a Committee heretofore
appointed in that Case, they are desired to pay
attention to it & report to next monthly meeting.

Levi Hunt and Joseph Harris are added to the
Committee appointed to attend the meeting at
Wonkeage — The time for which the present
Clerk was appointed being elapsed, Joseph Harris &
David Anthony are appointed to think of and report
some suitable Friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk
for the year ensuing.

At

A Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence 29 of 6th Mo. 1796, the representatives appointed
by the preparative Meetings are for Smithfield
George Harris and Timothy Greene - for Providence
Reubin Blanchard and Jonathan Congdon, all
present -

The friends appointed at last month to
consider of some suitable friend to serve the Meeting
as Clerk for the year ensuing, reported John Halden's
name for that service, and he is appointed accordingly
& Obadiah Brown is also appointed an Assistant Clerk
for the same time.

Smithfield preparative Meeting inform by
a member of this Meeting that they have Subscribed
Three pounds, ten Shillings and 2 for quarterly Meetings
Stock - This Meeting's Treasurer is directed to pay
our proportion of quarterly Meeting's Stock to their
Treasurer and report to next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to assist the Women in
the Case of Elizabeth Bateman report, that they have
paid attention to that matter but have not completed
their service, they are therefore continued and desired
to pay further attention to & Report to next monthly
Meeting) - The Committee appointed in the case
of Abigail Walker at last month reported the following
in Writing which was read up in this meeting and after
deliberating thereon is approved and the Clerk is directed to
Transcribe it & forward to Sandwich monthly meeting
and report to this meeting when accomplished - This

This meeting received information by the way of Smithfield preparative meeting, that Isaac Lapham has resided for some time within the verge of Rhode Island monthly meeting, whereupon this meeting appoints William & Almy and Augustus Lapham to pay attention to that matter, and if nothing appears to hinder to report an Essay of a Certificate to our next monthly meeting.

Our friend Jonathan Arnold informed this meeting, that he was about going to Philadelphia on Business and requested a few lines, and he being a member of this meeting, the clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute to signify the same to friends in that City.

At a monthly meeting held at Providence 27th of 7^{mo}. 1796, the Representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield Augustus Lapham & George Harris for Providence Levi Hunt & William Barker, all present. The answers from the preparative meetings were read up in this meeting & general answers compiled therefrom and sent to the quarterly Meeting by our Representatives.

Our friend Hannah Barnard attended this Meeting with a Copy of a Minute from the Monthly meeting held at Hudson dated 24th of 4th M^o 1796, to good satisfaction —

The Committee appointed to assist the Women in the investigation of the Case of Elizabeth Bateman report — That nothing appears as yet that she is a Member of our Society; — They are continued to pay further attention to that Case and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the Case of Isaac Lapham report, that they have paid some attention to that matter, but are not yet ready to report. It is continued under their care & they are desired to pay attention to it and report to our next Meeting —

Joseph Harris and William & Henry are appointed to attend the quarterly meeting —

This Meeting certified by an Endorsement on the Minute of Nathan Constock to Uxbridge monthly meeting, that his conduct while with us appears to have been orderly —

The State of Society having excited the attention of this meeting, for the spreading an increase of love and unity is referred for the consideration of our next meeting the appointment of suitable Friends as Visitors to the Families for the promotion of so desirable an object —

This

This Meeting appoints Daniel & Anthony
John Holden & Caleb Greene to review the
accounts of the sufferings of friends in this
a Monthly Meeting, which they are desired to
lay before the a Meeting in order that they
may go up to the a Meeting for Sufferings

At a Monthly Meeting held at
Smithfield for Providence 24th of 8th M^o. 1796 —

The representatives appointed by the preparative
Meetings are for Smithfield ~~are~~ Samuel Hill
and Elisha Steere — for Providence Henry Russell
& Rubin Blanchard — all present —

The Committee appointed in the Case of
Isaac Lapham inform that they have paid some
attention to that matter, but are not ready to
report; — it is therefore continued under their
care and they are desired to pay further attention
to it, and report to this meeting in three months
or sooner if ready —

The concern of our last Meeting
to appoint a Committee as Visitors, again coming
under consideration of this; Our friends Daniel
& Anthony, Augustus Lapham & William & Henry
are

are appointed to that service agreeable to Discipline, and to proceed therein as truth opens the way and that the Women's Meeting may be informed of this concern that they may unite therein as their way may be opened

(This meeting being informed by the way of Smithfield preparative Meeting that Joseph Daniels and Lucy Harris proposed to lay their intentions of Marriage before this Meeting, he having produced a Certificate of his cleanness and consent of Parents — and they appeared in this meeting and declared their aforesaid Intentions, and are desired to come to next monthly meeting for Answer —

The Women's meeting inform that they have come to a conclusion to disown Thebe Whealon and put her from under their care as a member with which this meeting concurs —

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly Meeting report that they attended & presented the Extracts from our last yearly & quarterly meetings minutes which are as follows viz^t

By the reports from the several quarterly meetings, it appears that attention hath been paid to our recommendation of last year relative to a pious Education of our Children, and as the concern has revived in our quarterly and monthly Meetings, and some progress has been made therein, we hope that friends will be favoured to follow the pointings of Truth on that important subject, in which the present generation are so deeply interested. — And we are again feelingly concerned to recommend; first in general to quarterly & monthly meetings to persevere in paying particular attention to this concern, and also in an especial manner to Parents and those who have the care of Children, that they suffer no consideration of any reasonable ex

capence that their outward circumstances will warrant to
retard or prevent this very necessary work — And the several
quarterly meetings are requested to send an account to
our next meeting what further progress they may have
made — It is recommended that in future the monthly
meetings be not required to send answers to the quarterly
meetings except the first — second & twelfth queries only once in
the year at the meeting next preceding the yearly meeting —
when they are to answer them all as heretofore; but that
all the queries be read in the several meetings quarterly,
and friends are desired to stir one another up to a more
diligent application of the important duties by them enjoined
to themselves individually; that an increase of care may be wit-
nessed by this alteration — It is recommended that in all cases
where monthly meetings find it necessary to build a new meeting-house
they apply to the quarterly meeting to which they belong for advice
therein — This meeting recommends the raising one hundred pounds
for the yearly meetings Stock & Rhode Island quarterly meeting is desired to
forward to our Treasurer forty pounds their proportion of said Stock —
Extracted from the Minutes of the yearly meeting at New England, held
on Rhode Island from the 9th to the 13th of 6th M^o. 1796 Wm. Rotch Jan. 22^d 1796

And the several monthly meetings are desired to pay attention
to the several matters & conclusions therein recommended & the Clerk
is appointed to furnish each Monthly meeting with a copy of the above
Extracts with the apportionment of the above £40 for yearly meetings
Stock agreeable to appointment last quarter together with a copy of
this Minute — Extracted from the Minutes of a quarterly meet.
held at Portsmouth on & for Rhode Island 11th of 8th M^o. 1796 —
Providence monthly meetings proportion of Stock } George Arnold Clerk
to be kept —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
25th of 4th M^o. 1796, The representatives appointed by
the preparative meetings are for Smithfield
Jeremiah Wilkenson & Stephen Smith. — for
Providence & the Tison & Moses Brown — all
present except Stephen Smith —

The preparative meetings inform that they had
not completed their Subscriptions; they are desired to
complete them and report to next monthly meeting.

The queries and answers were read up in this
meeting, and general answers compiled therefrom
which

which we have forwarded by our Representatives,
who are John Holden & Jeremiah Wilkenfon —

Joseph Daniels & Lucy Harris appeared at this
Meeting for a Answer; and not any thing appearing
to hinder their proceedings, they are left at liberty to
accomplish their marriage according to the good order
established among Friends — Joseph Harris & Daniel
Anthony are appointed to take care that the same
be decently Solemnized, and Report to next Meet-
ing —

This Meeting directs their Treasurer to
pay the yearly Meeting's Treasurer Our proportion
of yearly Meetings Stock, which is Six pound,
four Shillings & four pence and report to next
Meeting —

Our friend Jonathan Arnold having
informed this Meeting that he was about going
to Charleston South Carolina on Business; he
being a member of this Meeting in Unity — and
the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this minute
to signify the same to Friends where his Lot may
be cast —

At a monthly meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 24th of 10^{mo}. 1794 — The Representatives
appointed by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield
Stephen Smith & Levi Arnold — for Providence
John Holden & Joseph Randall — all present —

Smithfield —

Smithfield preparative Meeting informed
by their Representatives that they had Subscribed
Three pounds, two Shillings & two pence and
Providence Three pounds, three Shillings &
8d for yearly Meetings Stock

The friends appointed to attend the
quarterly meeting Report, that they attended

The Committee appointed to attend the
Marriage of Joseph Daniels & Lucy Harris,
report that they attended and according to their
prospect it was orderly conducted

The Treasurer reported that he has paid
the money as directed £64.4.4 to the yearly
Meetings Treasurer

This Meeting recd. Transcripts of
Epistles from the last yearly Meetings of London
Philadelphia & New York, which were read
to good satisfaction

One of the Committee in the Case of Isaac
Lapham reports; that he has had an opportunity
with him, and it appeared he was keeping
Company in order for a Marriage, with a person
not a member of our Society. We could
not therefore report any Certificate; where-
upon they are continued to labour with him
for his recovery as truth may open the way
and report to this Meeting in the twelfth
month next, or sooner if ready

A Certificate from the monthly meeting of
Sandwich dated 4th 11th 10, 1796, on behalf of
Abigail Walker, was read and accepted.

The Women's Meeting inform that they are
about to receive the acknowledgement of
Judith Eldrich, with which this meeting
concurs.

Samuel Newit informed that
he was about to remove within the verge of
Saratoga a Monthly meeting (the west side) and
requested a Certificate - Whereupon this meet-
ing appoints David Anthony & William Thmy
to take the necessary care in that case and
report to next meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence 23rd of 11th mo 1796, The
Representatives appointed by the preparative
meetings are - for Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkenson
& Samuel Arnold - for Providence Joseph Randal
& Daniel Anthony - all present.

The Friends appointed to take the necessary care
in the case of Samuel Newit reported an Essay
of an Endorsement, which was read up & approved
by this meeting, and is endorsed on his original Cer-
tificate, recommending him to the care of Saratoga
monthly meeting. ————— and

and is as follows — From our Monthly
Meeting of Providence to the Monthly Meeting of
Saratoga

Dear Friends —
The within mentioned Samuel Newell,
having resided for some time within the verge of this
Meeting, and its vicinity, and now informing us that it
was his prospect to remove & settle within the limits of your
Meeting, and requested our Certificate — These are to certify
that while with us and elsewhere, since in this country
nothing has appeared, but that his standing is in good
measure conformable to what is within certified of him.
23 of 4th Mo. 1796.

The Committee appointed in the case of Eliza-
beth Bateman made the following report in
Writing which being read up in this Meeting
is accepted —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 28th of 12 M^o. 1796, The Represent-
atives are for Smithfield Samuel Hill &
Levi Arnold for Providence Henry Russell
and Amos Turner — all present —

The Queries and Answers from the
preparative Meetings were read up in this
meeting, and general Answers compiled
therefrom, and are forwarded to the quarterly
meeting by our Representatives who are
Henry Russell, Augustus Lapham and Elisha
Steer, who are desired to report their attendance
to next monthly meeting —

This meeting being informed by way
of Providence preparative Meeting, that
Walter Cornell had returned to Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting, and requests a Certificate
John Holden & William Almy are desired to
take the necessary care in that case and
report to next monthly Meeting.

The minute in the Case of Isaac Lapham
being read up in this Meeting, the Committee in
that case informed that they were not ready to
report, they are desired to pay attention to it and
report as soon as may be —

The Women's Meeting informed that they
had disowned Joanna Russell, and put her from
under their care as a Member, with which this
Meeting concurs —

This Meeting thinks best to raise the Sum of Seven Hundred dollars, to be appropriated to discharge its debts, and the preparative Meetings are desired to raise the same —

This meeting appoints Joseph Harris in addition to Moses Brown as Auditors for this Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held ^{at} Providence 25 of 1st Mo. 1797. The Representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are, for Smithfield Joseph Harris & Joseph Farnum — for Providence William Barker and Moses Davis — all present —

The Committee in the case of Walter Cornell, reported an Essay of a Certificate which was read up in this Meeting, and after some alterations was approved. Signed by the Clerk —

This Meeting received a recommendation from the meeting for Sufferings to subscribe for the Journal of our beloved friend Job Scott — Whereupon this meeting appoints, Augustus Lapham & Elisha Bowen Jan & Joseph Farnum & Obadiah Brown a committee to receive the same and transmit the Money to Moses Brown as soon as may be, who is appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings to receive the same — The preparative Meetings inform that they have notified the recommendation of the

the monthly meeting for the raising a money to discharge its debts, they are desired to pay attention to it and report to next monthly meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 22 of 2nd M^o. 1797. The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkenson & Timothy Greene for Providence Henry Russell and Joseph Anthony all present —

Isaac Hmy who some time past produced a Certificate from Rhode Island a Monthly Meeting having returned, and requesting a few lines from this meeting — The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to manifest to that a Meeting, that while Isaac resided amongst us, he diligently attended our Meetings, and as far as appears, conducted to the Satisfaction of Friends. —

One of the Committee in the Case of Isaac Lapham informed that some attention had been paid to that Case. The Committee are desired to pay further attention to it, and report to next Monthly Meeting —

Thomas Arnold and William Hmy are appointed to enquire into the ^{circumstances of the} Case of Edward Marshall, and report a Statement of them in Writing to next Monthly Meeting, in order to transmit to the Meeting he is gone to —

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
29 of 3rd Mo^o 1797, the representatives appointed by
the preparative meetings are for Smithfield
& Augustus Lapham and Benjamin Smith
for Providence John & Alonzo & Joseph Randal
all present

The Queries and answers from the
preparative meetings being read up in this meeting
and general answers formed therefrom and are
forwarded to the quarterly Meeting by our
representatives

One of the Committee in the case of Isaac
Lapham informed that they had paid some
attention since last monthly meeting to their
appointment, they are desired to pay further
attention to it, and report in writing their
prospect of the state of the case to next Monthly
Meeting

One of the Committee in the case of
Edward Marshall informed that they were
not yet ready to Report; they are desired to
pay attention to their appointment & report
to next Monthly Meeting

Joseph Farnum, John Holden & Obadiah Brown
are appointed to attend the quarterly Meeting &
are desired to report their attendance to next
monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for
Providence 26th of 4th Mo. 1797, The representatives
appointed by the preparative meetings are - for
Smithfield George Harris & Oziel Wilkenson - for
Providence Joseph Anthony and Joseph Randall -
all present -

The Committee in the case
of Isaac Lapham made report in Writing which
is accepted, and is as follows -

According to our appointment we have laboured
with Isaac Lapham on account of his keeping company
in order for Marriage with a person not a member
of our Society, and it appears to your Committee that
there is not any prospect of his making friends satis-
faction, he having according to his ^{own} confession engaged
to enter into marriage covenant with a person circum-
stanced as aforesaid -

And after endeavouring to discharge the duty
confided to us, as far as we were enabled, we are
free to report, that we do not see that further
labour with him on this account, would be likely
to result to edification, which we submit to the
Meeting -

4th Mo. 22, 1797 -

To the Monthly Meeting
of Providence

Isaac Lapham

W^m & Hmy

And the further disposal thereof is referred for
consideration until our Meeting in the 6th Month.

The Committee in the Case of Edw. Marshall made
report of the State of his Case in an Essay to Wilmington
monthly meeting, ^{State of Delaware or to the meeting} where Edward resides which was
approved of & directed to be transcribed signed & forwarded by
the Clerk in behalf of this Meeting, and is as follows -

From our Monthly meeting of friends
held at Smithfield for Providence the 26th
of 4th Mo. 1797 To the Monthly Meeting of
Wilmington, or to the Meeting where Edwards
& Marshall herein mentioned may reside—

Dear Friends—

Edward & Marshall who moved
into our Monthly meeting with a certificate
from the Monthly Meeting of Gun-powder in
Maryland, and resided with us for some time,
having since returned into your parts, and
as we understand to reside within the verge
of your Monthly Meeting, and having made
no application for a certificate; We esteem
it incumbent on us to inform you, that upon
enquiry made we do not find but that
he has settled his outward affairs to our satis-
faction; But that after our last Meeting of Business
preceding and shortly before his leaving this meeting
he entered into Marriage, contrary to the good order
of our Society, with a person not a Member among
Friends — That he had for some time before
pretty much neglected the attendance of our
Meetings, and had frequented unprofitable
Company, for which some labour had been
bestowed by friends here — And we accompany
this information with our request that you will

will extend the necessary care & attention
to his case, for his restoration, and the clearing
of the testimony of Truth —

Two of the Representatives, appointed to attend
the quarterly meeting report that they all attended
according to appointment, and presented a copy
of a Minute of the quarterly Meeting, recommending
to Subscribe, and apportioning the Sum of five
hundred Dollars, for the purpose of defraying
the expence of Wickford a Meeting house
of which this Meeting's proportion is £23, 2/ which
the preparative Meetings are desired to Subscribe
and inform this Meeting —

Providence preparative Meeting informs
that ~~at~~ a Tison proposes to remove to Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting, and desires a Certificate
William Atiny and David Anthony are appointed
to make the necessary enquiry, and report a Certif-
icate to next a Monthly Meeting, if they find
nothing to hinder —

This Meeting received a Certificate
of removal from New Bedford, Monthly Meeting
dated Feb 11th 18, 1797, in behalf of Job Shearman
which is accepted —

This Meeting is informed that each of the preparative
meetings is in considerable forwardness in raising
the sums proposed for discharging the Meeting's Debts; they
are desired to complete the same and send the information
to our next Meeting. It being mentioned in this Meeting
that the time for which the Overseers & Overseers of the poor
were appointed is elapsed, which is ordered to be minutes, &
is referred, for consideration, to our next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence,
24th of 5th mo. 1797, The Representatives, appointed
by the preparative Meetings are for Smith-
field a Isaac Arnold and Levi Arnold for
Providence Charles Halden & William Barker
all present —

The appointment of Overseers and
Overseers of the poor, coming again before
this Meeting, and after solid consideration
thereon; it is thought best to refer it to next
Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case
of a Jsa Lison, reported a Certificate on his
behalf to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
and being read up, and this meeting solidly
considering the same, after some alterations
is approved and signed by the clerk, who is
directed to Transcribe it & forward it to the
aforesaid Monthly Meeting, and is as follows —

From our monthly meeting of Providence
of the 24th of 5th mo. 1797, To the monthly meeting
of Rhode Island —

Dear Friends

Jsa Lison being about to remove
within the limits of your Meeting, requested
our Certificate — These are to certify that
whilst he resided amongst us, his conversation
and Conduct was in a good degree orderly,
and was a pretty diligent attender of Meetings
and on enquiry nothing appears but that he

he has settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction
And as such we recommend him to your
Christian care, and are your friends and
brethren

Signed in behalf and by Order of said
Meeting by ————— John Holden Clerk

This Meeting being informed by the way
of Smithfield preparative Meeting, that
Amos Lapham had so far deviated from our
good and wholesome discipline as to attend
a Training — Whereupon this Meeting appoints
Moses Brown, Caleb Greene Levi Hunt to
take a solid opportunity with him respecting
his misconduct aforesaid, and report to next
a Monthly Meeting —

Smithfield preparative Meeting
informed that Benjamin Earl & Family had
removed to Swansea monthly meeting, whereupon this
meeting appoints Timothy Greene William & Amy
to make the necessary enquiry, and if nothing appears
to hinder to report a certificate to our next monthly
meeting —

Providence preparative meeting
sent up in their minute, that they had subscribed
eleven pounds, eleven shillings towards defraying
the expences of building Wickford Meeting House —

At a monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 28th of 6th mo. 1797, The Representatives
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appointed by the preparative meeting are - for
Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Joseph Harris - for
Providence Caleb Greene and Henry Russell -
all present

The appointment of Overseers &
Overseers of the poor coming before this meeting,
and after solidly considering the same; do, appoint
Caleb Greene, Elihu Bowen Jun^r. Benj^t Smith
William & Elmy & Augustus Lapham to that
Station; and refer the further appointment, as
way may open, to next meeting - & No Claviah
Brown and David & Anthony are appointed Over-
seers of the poor, for the year ensuing.

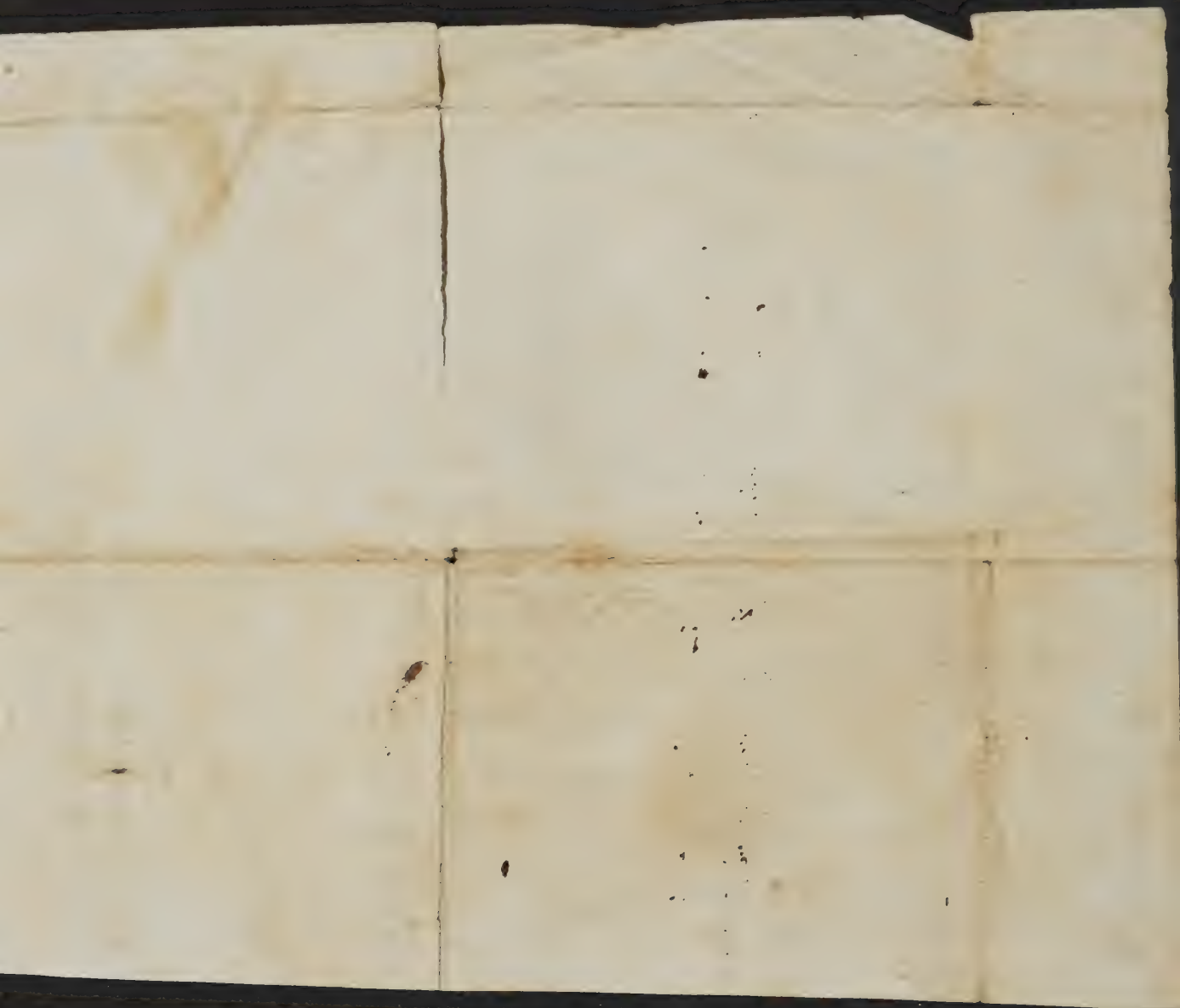
Two of the Committee appointed in the
Case of Amos Lapham, made report in writing,
(the other not being with them) and being desirous
he may be again visited, they are still continued
to further labour with him, and to report to
next monthly meeting their prospect what
will be best to do in the Case.

The further disposal of the report in the
Case of Isaac Lapham refered to this meeting, being
read up, and after solid deliberation thereon,
think best to disown unity with him as a member,
and with the concurrence of the Women's meeting
he is disowned accordingly, until he shall make
satisfaction for his misconduct, and William
& Elmy is appointed to inform him of his denial &
Right of appeal & report to next monthly meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting of friends in Haverbridge

Dear Friends Having a desire to make Satisfaction for my
out goings and ~~feeling~~ ^{being} mistreated to your christian
care and oversight have thought it my duty to
Send forward this letter of acknowledgement ^{expressing} wherein
I have not conformed to the rules of your discipline
in a particular manner in departing from the simplicity
in dress and language in departing from the limits of
your monthly meeting without your approbation
or certificate in conforming to the customary mode of dress
and address in entering into Marriage contrary to your
christian discipline all which I believe to be inconsistent
with truth therefore I desire ~~that~~ Friend to accept of
this letter of acknowledgement and pass by whatever of my
conduct has not been agreeable to your christian Order

And give me ^{an} certificate to Spratoga monthly meeting
Dated 15th month 1799 from your Friend Stephen Merrill
Should Friend be desirous of any further



The Committee appointed in the case of Benjamin Earl & Family, reported a Certificate in their behalf, and with some alterations is approved and signed by the clerk, who is directed to forward the same to Swansey monthly meeting.

A Monthly Meeting held at Providence 26th of 7th M^o. 1797. The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are, for Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Ezra Arnold - for Providence Elisha Bowen Jun^r & Daniel Anthony all present.

The Queries and answers from the preparative meetings were read up in this meeting, and general answers made out therefrom, and are forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our representatives Joseph Harris and Amos Turner who are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting.

William Almy is continued to inform Isaac Lapham of his denial and right of appeal, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Case of Amos Lapham is referred under the care of the same Committee, who are desired to pay attention to their appointment and report to next monthly meeting.

Our proportion for defraying the expence of building Wickford Meeting-house Twenty three pounds and two shillings, this meeting's Treasurer is directed to pay to the quarterly meeting's Treasurer & report to next monthly meeting.

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It being mentioned in this meeting by our friend Levi Arnold, that he had it in contemplation of removing with his family out of the verge of this meeting into some distant parts, and requests friends advice.

whereupon this meeting appoints Moses Brown, Augustus Lapham, Joseph Randal and Benjamin Smith to take a solid opportunity with him on the subject, and to give such advice relative thereto, after solidly considering the same, as truth may open their way.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 30th of 8th M^c, 1797.

The representatives appointed by the preparative meeting are for Smithfield Jeremiah Wilkenson and Benjamin Smith for Providence Henry Russell and John Holden — all present.

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting informed that they attended according to appointment.

William & Amy informed that he had sent the information in a Letter to Isaac Lapham as requested, but was not sure the information had reached him, he is still continued for that service and to report to next monthly meeting. — This meeting being informed by way of Providence preparative meeting that Benjamin Cornell had returned within the verge of

Rhode Island, Monthly meeting without a certificate - Levi Hunt and Jonathan Congdon are appointed to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder to report an Essay of a Certificate to next Monthly Meeting -

Providence preparative Meeting informed that Caleb Spencer had removed within the Verge of Greenwich monthly Meeting and requested a Certificate - David, Anthony & Jonathan Congdon are appointed to take the necessary care in that case, and report an Essay of a Certificate (if nothing appears to hinder) to next monthly Meeting -

Also that Thomas Healey was about to remove within the Verge of Uxbridge monthly Meeting & requests a Certificate - William & Amy and John Holden are appointed to take an opportunity with him and if way opens, to report an Essay of a Certificate on his behalf to next monthly Meeting -

This Meeting being also informed that Benjamin Spencer, who came here some time past to reside in the Capacity of an Apprentice (is returned back within the verge of Greenwich monthly Meeting without a Certificate - David & Anthony and Jonathan Congdon are appointed to take the necessary care and if way opens to report a few lines in his behalf to next monthly Meeting -

The Epistle from our last yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island for New-England by adjournments from the 5th of the 6th Mo. to the 13th of the same, inclusive, was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction -

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The Committee appointed in the case of Amos Lapham reported: that they had paid attention to their appointment, and had laboured with him respecting his outgoing, and that he did not appear in a disposition to make friends satisfaction, for his misconduct, nor desire friends to wait longer on him, and this meeting apprehending themselves clear of any further labor, Do, with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, disown Unity with him and put him from under their care as a Member, until he shall make satisfaction for his above said misconduct, which we wish he may be enabled to do; and Joseph Harris is appointed to inform him of his denial & right of Appeal; and to draw a testimony of his Denial & report to next monthly meeting -

Joseph Harmon & Elihu Bowen Jun.^r who were appointed some time past to enquire into the circumstances and situation of our meeting house Lot at Scituate, are still continued to pay further attention to it, and are directed to procure fencing stuff, and to fence in the same, and report the expence thereof to this meeting, when they have accomplished it, unless they can rent it out, to more advantage, by Lease on behalf of this meeting) —

Our friend George Harris presented a paper to this meeting purporting that he had a prospect of removing out of the Verge of this meeting to The nine partners in the State of New-York &

and requested friends advice therein — Moses Brown
& Augustus Lapham, Joseph Harnum & Benjⁿ Smith
are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him
and to give him such advice respecting it, as upon
solidly weighing of it may appear best —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
27 of 9 m^o. 1797. The representatives appointed by
the preparative Meetings are — for Smithfield
Joseph Harris & Augustus Lapham — for Providence
Elihu Bowen Jun^r & Joseph Randal — all present
except Augustus Lapham —

The Queries & Answers were read in this
meeting, and after some alteration approved &
forwarded to the quarterly Meeting by our Repre-
sentatives, Moses Brown, Benjⁿ Smith and
Thomas Arnold, who are desired to report their
attendance to next monthly meeting —

William Almy reports, that he has inform^d
Isaac Lapham as requested —

The Committee appointed in the case of
Benjamin Cornell, reported an Essay of a Certificate
which with some alteration was approved & signed
by the Clerk who is directed to forward it to Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case
of Caleb Spencer, reported a Certificate on his behalf
which is approved by this meeting & signed by
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by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to Greenwich monthly meeting) —

Also presented a Minute in behalf of Benjamin Spencer, which is approved and signed by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to Greenwich a Monthly Meeting as follows —

ver. 2. — This Meeting being informed that Benj^r Spencer, who came from Greenwich monthly meeting to serve as an Apprentice, within the Verge of this Meeting had returned to them — then may certify that while among us he retained his right of Membership, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to that Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case of Thomas Healy inform — that they have not had an opportunity with him; they are continued to take an opportunity with him and report to next monthly meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case of Amos Lapham, reported a testimony of Denial, which after some alteration was approved & signed by the Clerk and is as follows —

Whereas Amos Lapham, late a Member of our Society, for want of a faithful attention to the peaceable principles of our profession, hath shown so great a disregard to our Testimony against War, as to appear in a training field Army, for which conduct he hath been ex-

laboured with for his Recovery, without the desired Effect — Wherefore the cause requireth that we should thus testify our disunity with Him; and place him from under our care as a Member, until he may be favoured to see his departure, and return to satisfaction.

Given forth at our Monthly meeting held at Providence 27th of 9th M^o. 1797. —

Signed on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting
by ————— John Holden Clerk

Joseph Harris is appointed to read the Testimony of Amos Lapham, at the close of a Meeting for Worship at Smithfield old Meeting House, and report to next Monthly Meeting —

This meeting rec^d. the Extracts of the yearly meeting's minutes, whereby it appears that this Monthly-meeting's proportion of the yearly meeting's Stock, recommenced ^{for the year ensuing} to be raised, is Twenty five dollars, to which the preparative Meetings are desired to subscribe in freedom.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 25th of 10th M^o. 1797. The Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are for Smithfield Joseph Harris and Joseph Larnum — for Providence John Holden & Jos. Anthony all present. — The

The representatives appointed to attend the quarterly meeting reported that they attended agreeable to appointment.

The Committee in the case of Thomas Healey informed, they had not had an opportunity with him, they are still continued for that service, and are desired to take an opportunity with him, if way opens, between this and another monthly meeting and report to next monthly meeting.

Joseph Harris reports that he has read the Testimony of Amos Lapham's Denial, at the close of a Meeting for worship, as requested.

George Harris informed this Meeting that he was about to remove to the mine-partners, in the verge of the next monthly meeting, State of New-York, and requested a certificate for himself and Family — Whereupon this Meeting appoints Augustus Lapham, William & Hmy and Caleb Greene, to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to report a certificate for them to the next monthly meeting.

At a monthly Meeting held at Providence 29th of 11th Mo. 1797, The Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are for Smithfield Augustus Lapham & Joseph Harnum for Providence Wm. Barker & Charles Golden — all present

The Committee appointed in the case of Thomas Healey, having not fulfilled their appointment, are still continued for that service, and are desired to pay attention to it, and report to this meeting when accomplished.

The Committee appointed in the case of George Harris ^{& Family} reported a Certificate on their behalf, directed to the Free & Monthly Meeting, nine partners, State of New York - which was read up, and after solid consideration was approved by this Meeting and signed by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the aforesaid Monthly meeting.

This meeting being informed by way of Smithfield preparative meeting, that Stephen Smith had a prospect of removing with his Family within the verge of the Free monthly meeting, in the State of New-York, and requested our Certificate, whereupon this meeting appoints Augustus Lapham and Benjamin Smith to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to report a Certificate to next monthly meeting.

Providence preparative meeting sent up in their account that they had Subscribed Three pounds & nineteen Shillings for yearly Meeting's Stock.

This meeting was informed that Smithfield preparative meeting had also Subscribed Three pounds & fifteen Shillings for the above said purpose.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 27 of 12th M^o. 1797. The Representatives
appointed by the preparative Meetings are for
Smithfield Joseph Harris & Benjamin Smith,
for Providence William & Amy and Elisha Bowen-
Jun^r. all present except Joseph Harris, whose
absence is owing to bodily indisposition.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Smith
informed that they had paid attention to their
appointment, but were not yet ready to report,
that matter is still continued under their care,
and they are desired to pay attention to it and
report to this meeting, as the way opens for
fulfilling their appointment.

The Queries & answers from the preparative
Meetings were in this, and general answers
made out therefrom, and are forwarded to the
quarterly Meeting by our representatives
W^m. Amy, & Ezra & Arnold & John Holden
who are desired to report their attendance to next
monthly meeting.

Smithfield preparative Meeting has
paid to this Meeting Treasurer £11.11.4, towards
defraying the expence of building Wickford Meeting
House; an £3.13/ for yearly meeting's Rock.

Smithfield preparative meeting informed that
Levi & Arnold and Family had thought of removing
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to Hartford, within the verge of Oblong Monthly Meeting - whereupon this Meeting appoints Benjamin Smith & Augustus Lapham to take the necessary care in that case & if nothing appears to hinder, to report a Certificate to next monthly Meeting -

Obadiah Brown informed this Meeting, that he was about proceeding in marriage with Dorcas Hadwen a Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, requested our Certificate for that purpose - whereupon this Meeting appoints Joseph Randal & John Holden to take the necessary care in that case, and if way opens to report a Certificate to next monthly Meeting on his behalf -

Providence preparative Meeting informed that Silas Fish had removed with his Family within the verge of Greenwich Monthly Meeting - David Anthony & Thomas Arnold are appointed to make enquiry into the circumstances of his removal, and report what to them appears necessary to our next monthly Meeting -

Sta. Monthly Meeting held at Providence 24th of 1st M^o. 1798. The representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are - for Smithfield Elisha Steere and Augustus Lapham, - for Providence William Barker & Amos Turner all present except William Barker, whose absence is Owing to bodily indisposition -

The Committee appointed in the Case of Stephen
Smith & Family, reported a certificate on their
behalf, directed to Creek monthly meeting
in nine partners, State of New-York, which
being read up in this meeting, and after some
alteration was approved & signed by the Clerk
and is as follows. —

From our Monthly Meeting of friends,
held at Providence, State of Rhode Island 24th of 1st
M^o. 1798, To Friends of Creek Monthly Meeting, nine
partners, State of New-York —

Dear Friends — Stephen & Rhoda Smith with their
Children whose names are David, Isaac, Dan
& Harris & Abigail, are about to settle within the
compass of your Monthly meeting, & have requested
our Certificate — These may certify, they are members
of our Society, whose lives & conversation have been in
a good degree orderly, somewhat diligent in attending
Meetings, and nothing appears but that they have
settled their outward affairs to satisfaction —

We recommend them to your friendly & Christian
care, and are your friends —

Signed in & on behalf of our aforesaid
Meeting by — John Holden Clk
Abigail Arnold Clk

The Representatives appointed to attend the quarterly
meeting reported, that they all attended agreeable to
appointment —

The Committee appointed in the Case
of Levi Arnold and Family, report of a Certificate on their behalf, which
was read in this meeting
and after solid consideration thereon is approved &
signed by the Clerk and is as follows. — viz^t —

From our Monthly Meeting held in Providence
State of Rhode Island 24th of 1st Mo^o 1798. —

To the Monthly meeting held at Oblong
State of New-York —

Dear Friends —

Levi Arnold informed our
Meeting, that he is about to remove to Hartford,
State of Connecticut, within the verge of your
Meeting, with his Wife Lydia and Children
whose names are — David, Benjamin, Nathan
Ephraim, Simeon, Joseph, Lydia & Amey,
requested our Certificate — This is to certify
that they are Members, pretty orderly in life
and conversation, diligent in the attendance
of our meetings & have settled their outward
affairs to satisfaction for what appears — As
such we recommend them to your Christian
care and oversight, with desires for their growth
and prosperity in the Truth — We remain your
friends & Brethren —

Signed in & on behalf of our
aforesaid Meeting by —

John Holden Clerk —
Abigail Arnold Clerk

The Committee in the case of Obadiah Brown, reported a Certificate on his behalf, which being read up in this meeting, after some alteration is approved and signed by the Clerk.

This Meeting recd. a Copy of a Minute from the Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence 14th & 15th of 11th M^o. 1797, respecting the Militia Bill &c and is as follows —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th & 15th of 11th M^o. 1797 —

The Committee for that purpose, reported the doings of this Meeting heretofore on the Militia Bill, since passed into a Law, by the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island, together with an additional Act, since enacted by the same — and after reading the remonstrance, which this Meeting caused to be presented to said Legislature; while the Bill was pending before them — and considering it, do not see, that this Meeting, at present, can usefully renew their application to that body on that Subject —

The monthly Meetings, are however, requested, to forward an account of their sufferings under said Act, in order that our Meeting may be qualified to represent the consequences resulting from the existence and operation of it, whenever way

way may open to apply to said Legislature for redress — and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid —

W^m Henry Clerk —

The Committee appointed in the case of our ^{Lott} Meeting House at Scituate, informed that they had Leased it out, to John Harris of the aforesaid place ^{for} One dollar per year, the which sum, he the said John is to pay ^{to this meeting or its agents} Annually, so long as he shall occupy the same.

The Committee appointed in the case of Silas Fish & Wife, reported a Certificate on their behalf recommending them to the care of East Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and after deliberation thereon, is approved & signed by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the aforesaid Monthly Meeting — which is as follows —

From our monthly meeting of Friends held at Providence 24th of 1st Mo 1798

To the monthly meeting of Greenwich.
Dear Friends
Silas Fish & Amey his Wife, Members of this Meeting, some time since removed within the limits of your Meeting, and of late requested our Certificate — These are therefore to certify _{on}

on their behalf, that whilst amongst us
they were pretty diligent attenders of Meetings,
and on enquiry do not find but they have
settled their affairs to pretty general satis-
faction — As such we recommend them
to your notice and care — Signed in
and on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting
by —

John Holden Clerk
Abigail Arnold Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smith-
field for Providence 21st of 2nd mo 1798,

The Representatives appointed by the
preparative Meetings are — for Smithfield
Samuel Hill & Timothy Greene — for
Providence John Holden & David Anthony
all present

The Committee appointed in
the case of Thomas Healey reported a certificate
on his behalf directed to the monthly Meet. at
Uxbridge, which is approved by this Meeting
and signed by the clerk, who is directed to forward
it to the aforesaid Monthly Meeting.

This a Meeting rec. a Copy of a Minute from
Smithfield a Monthly Meeting, in consequence
of which this a Meeting appoints Tho. Arnold,
Augustus Lapham, Joseph Farnum and
Oziel Wilkenson a Committee, to confer with
a Committee from that Meeting, respecting
the circumstance and situation of Anne Foster
a poor friend, and report to this a Meeting
their prospect, under all the circumstances
what will be suitable & right for this Meet.
to do in that Case — —

② At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
28th of 3rd & 4th 1798.

The representatives appointed by the
preparative meetings are for Smithfield
Samuel Hill & Jeremiah Wilkenson — for
Providence Joseph & Anthony & Henry Russell —
all present —

The Queries & Answers were read up
in this Meeting, and general answers made out
therefrom, which are forwarded to the quarterly
Meeting by our representatives — Timothy
Greene, Wm. Almy & Elisha Steere, who are
desired to report their attendance to next
monthly meeting —

And

And the Clerk is directed to transcribe the
Answers to the Queries, and also to transmit a
Copy of this Minute to the quarterly Meeting -

The Committee appointed in the Case of
Anna Mosher made report, the further
consideration of which is referred to next Monthly
Meeting)

This Meeting was informed
by way of Smithfield preparative Meeting
that Jonathan Wilkenson had pretty much
neglected the attendance of our religious meet-
ings, also had joined in a trainband &
consummated marriage with a person not
a member of our Society - Whereupon this
meeting appoints Samuel Arnold, Joseph Harris
and Samuel Still a Committee to take a solid
opportunity with him respecting his afore-
mentioned misconduct & report to next monthly meetg.

At a monthly Meeting held at
Smithfield for Providence 25th of 1st Mo. 1798,

The representatives appointed by the
preparative meetings are - for Smithfield
Joseph Farnum & Samuel Arnold - for
Providence Henry Russell & Levi Hunt,
all present -

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This meeting rec^d. a Certificate from Greenwich monthly meeting date 2 of 4 M^o 1798, in favour of James Hazard recommending him to the care of this meeting, being read and accepted by this meeting — which is as follows —

To friends of Providence & Monthly

Meeting —

Dear Friends

James Hazard, having removed from this, within the limits of your monthly meeting and requesting our Certificate —

These may inform on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society, in esteem with us, a diligent attender of Meetings — On enquiry do not find but that his outward affairs are settled — With desires for his growth in the Truth, we remain your

Friends — Signed in your behalf of Greenwich monthly meeting held the 2nd of 4th M^o 1798. —

Thos. Howland Clerk

Smithfield preparative meeting informed that David Wilkenfon had appeared at two Trainings, under the arms, joined with them in their exercise & had departed from that simplicity in dress and address which we believe it to be our duty to be found in (contrary to the advice of his

his Parents and friends whereupon this Meeting appoints William Almy & Amos Turner to take a solic opportunity with him respecting his afores. misconduct, & report to next monthly meeting.

Providence preparative meeting informed that Job Shearman had removed within the limits of Smithfield monthly Meeting, and requested our certificate whereupon this meeting appoints Joseph Randal & John Holden to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to ^{prepare} ~~report~~ an Essay of a certificate & report to next monthly meeting.

Providence preparative meeting informed, that a Moses Davis had proposed making a Visit amongst his children in the State of New-York — and requesting a few lines, he being a member of our religious Society of an orderly life and conversation — the clerk is directed to give him a copy of this Minute.

The minutes of last monthly meeting not being present; the several matters therein contained, are referred to our next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence,
30th of 5th Mo. 1798, the representatives appointed
by the preparative Meetings are — for Smithfield
Timothy Greene & Joseph Barnum — for Providence
Caleb Greene and Amos Turner — all
present.

The friends appointed to attend
the quarterly meeting informed that they
attended agreeable to appointment.

The consideration of the report
in the case of a Fina Measure coming again
before this Meeting, is referred for further
consideration to next monthly meeting.

Two of the Committee in the case of
Jonathan Wilkenson made report — that they
had taken an opportunity with him, and find
but little, if any, prospect of his making friends
satisfaction, in any of the several matters com-
plained of; and this meeting, after solemnly con-
sidering the same; — do accept said report &
apprehending themselves clear of any further
labour — Do, with the ^{concurrence} of the Women's
meeting, put him from under our care as a
member, until he shall make satisfaction
for his aforesaid misconduct, which we desire
he may be enabled to do — And Joseph Harnum
& Benjamin Smith are appointed to inform him
of

of his denial & right of appeal and to draw
a testimony of his denial & report to next
monthly meeting)

The Committee appointed in the case
of David Wilkenson made report that they
had taken an opportunity with him and
that he did not appear in a disposition likely
to make satisfaction for the several matters com-
plained of, and this meeting apprehending
themselves clear of any further labour with
him—do with the concurrence of the Women's
meeting, disown unity with him & put him
from under our care as a member—and
Joseph Randal, Levi Hunt & Abel Greene are
appointed to inform him of his denial and
right of appeal—and to draw a testimony
of his denial & report to next monthly
meeting)

The Committee in the case of Jos^{ph}
Thearnan, reported a certificate on his behalf
directed to the Monthly meeting at Smithfield,
which was read up & approved by this meeting,
and the clerk is directed to forward it to the
aforesaid monthly meeting—and is as
follows. From the Monthly meeting of
Providence 30th of 5th mo 1798, To the monthly
meeting of Friends at Smithfield De

Dear friends.

Job Shearman having removed from us within the limits of your monthly meeting, and requested our Certificate — These may inform that he is a member of our religious Society — and a diligent attendant of our Meetings, while with us, hath settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction — and is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears — We recommend him to your Christian care —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meetg
by — John Holden Clerk

The preparative Meeting of Smithfield informed that Isaac Wilkenson has pretty much left the attendance of our meetings, and that he is in the practice of attending the Card & Billiard Table, and has departed from that plainness of dress and behaviour, which we think it right for us to be found in, and has paid his Fines for not appearing at Training, whereupon this meeting appoints W^m. Flinn & Daniel Anthony, to take a solid opportunity with him respecting his misconduct & report to next monthly meeting.

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The time for which the Clerk & Assistant,
Clerk were appointed, being ended, — Our
Friends Joseph Randal & Caleb Greene are
appointed to think of some suitable Friend
& confer with him respecting serving the
Meeting in that Capacity, the year en-
suing, and report to next monthly
meeting.

At a meeting held ^{at} Smithfield
for Providence 27th of 6th Mo. 1798

The representatives appointed by the
Preparative Meetings are — for
Smithfield Joseph Harris & Augustus
Lapham, Providence preparative
meeting Minnie not being present

One of the Committee appointed last monthly
meeting, to confer with some suitable
Friends to serve the meeting in the capacity
of Clerk & Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing
reported John Holden's name for Clerk &
Obadiah Brown's for Assistant Clerk,
of which this Meeting approves.

The Committee appointed in the case of Jonathan Wilkenfon, reported a Testimony of his Denial, which after some alteration is approved and signed by the Clerk - The Committee are still continued to inform him of his Denial and right of a Appeal - ~~also~~ ^{also} ~~Reported~~ ^{Reported} to next monthly meeting.

One of the Committee in the case of David Wilkenfon, made report that they had informed him of his Denial & right of a Appeal - also presented a testimony of his Denial, which being read up and after some alteration is approved by this Meeting, and signed by the Clerk -

Whereas David Wilkenfon son of Orziel hath had a right of membership in our religious Society, but having gone contrary to the manifestations of truth in his own mind, and deviated from that Simplicity and plainness in dress & address, which we believe it to be our duty to be found in, - and having appeared at Training under Arms, and joined in military exercises, contrary to the advice of his Parents and Friends, who having laboured with him for his restoration

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without effect — We therefore disown
unity with him as a member, and put
him ^{from} under our care until he shall
return and make Friends satisfaction,
which we desire he may be enabled to do.

Given forth at our monthly meeting
at Smithfield for Providence 6 M^o 1778,

Signed on behalf of our aforesaid
Meeting by — John Holden 6th

The report in the case of Anne Hather
coming again before this Meeting, is re-
ferred for the consideration of next
monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the case of
Isaac Wilkenfon, informed that they
had not accomplished their appointment,
they are still continued for that service,
and are desired to pay attention to it
and report to next monthly Meeting —

Smithfield

Smithfield preparative meeting informed that they had Subscribed \$350. towards Seven hundred Dollars ordered to be raised by the monthly meeting (towards paying its Debts) which they are directed to pay the Treasurer

The Womens meeting requested the assistance of this meeting in the case of Lydia Alverson, who has requested to be admitted to membership — whereupon this meeting appoints Elisha Bowen Jun^r & Hoses Brown a Committee to assist the Women in that case & to report to next monthly meeting

A Monthly Meeting held at Providence 23th of 7th Mo^o 1798;

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are — for Smithfield Joseph Farnum & Augustus Lapham — for Providence Joseph Randal & Joseph Anthony — all present

The Queries and Answers were read up in this meeting, and general Answers made out therefrom, which are forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our representatives, Benjamin Smith, Joseph Randal & W^m. Henry — who are desired to report their attendance to next monthly meeting — & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute

One of the Committee appointed last month to assist the Women in the case of Lydia Alverfon together with two Women friends as a joint Committee - made report that they had paid attention to their appointment, and has taken a solid opportunity with her; and that it was their sense & judgment, that it was safe to admit her to membership; and the meeting solidly considering the same; do accept said report & she is admitted accordingly.

The report of the Committee in the case of Ann & closure coming again before this meeting and not being satisfactory is dismissed - and the subject matter thereof, is referred for the further consideration of next monthly meeting, and the overseers of the poor, in the meantime, are desired to pay her a visit, and to enquire into her circumstance, and afford her such relief as she may appear to stand in need of.

The Committee in the Case of Isaac Wiken-son made report that they had taken a solid opportunity with him, and that he did not appear to be in a state of mind likely to make satisfaction, and the Womens meeting being broken up, the further consideration of it is referred to next monthly meeting.

Our friend Daniel Anthony having informed this meeting; that he proposes to take a journey into some parts of New York yearly meeting, to visit his relations & friends — These are to certify such meetings of business, and friends where he may attend, that he is a member in good esteem amongst us — and the Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this minute.

At a monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 29th of 8th Mo. 1798.

The Representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are — for Smithfield Joseph Harris & Elisha ^{Steeve} ~~Baxter~~ Jun^r for Providence Henry Russell & Elisha Bauxen Jun^r all present

Our friend Silas Downing attended this Meeting & presented a certificate from the monthly meeting of Westbury, Long Island, State of New York, Dated 15th of 4th Mo. 1798, Certifying their unity & concurrence with him, as a Minister, to friends in these parts, which was read up in this Meeting to satisfaction, with an Endorsement on it from the quarterly meeting of Westbury.

Also our friend James Mott his companion, with a Copy of a minute, from the monthly meeting of Naroneck Long Island, dated 14th 6 Mo. 1798, Certifying their full unity with him, and that he was an Elder in good esteem with them, which was also read to satisfaction.

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The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting reported, that agreeable to their appointment they all attended, and presented Extracts from our last yearly meeting's minutes — The Subject matter respecting the religious education of our Children, is referred to the Solid consideration of our School Committee, who are desired to pay attention to the several matters therein contained, and report to this meeting in the 10th Month next — What in their judgment may be suitable & proper for this meeting to do in that case — likewise Extracts from the quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island 9th of 8th M^o. 1798, and are as follows —

Extracts from the Minutes of the yearly meeting for New-England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th of the 6th M^o. to the 13th of the same inclusive, 1798.

By reports from all the quarterly Meetings it appears, that Friends have continued some attention to the Subject of Education, and that there ^{still} are Schools in several meetings under the Government of Society; but that the Subject has not made much progress since last year: — Friends are never the less affectionately desired, as they regard the good of their Children, to endeavour with renewed concern to

to promote the establishment of such Schools,
in order that their offspring may have ^{the advantage of} a religi-
ous and guarded Education; and render
an account of the State of this concern to this
meeting next year.

The Committee appointed to consider of
the subject of suspending the public meetings
preceeding the quarterly meetings; — and the
proposition from Rhode Island quarter, prose that
the Subject at large be referred to next yearly
meeting, and that Rhode Island quarterly meetg
be left at liberty to make such alteration in
the time and manner of holding their quarterly
meeting for one year, as may remedy the
difficulty under which they labour, which is
accepted, and the same thus disposed of accord-
ingly.

The representatives reported an appor-
tionment of the six hundred Dollars agreed to
be raised as follows viz —

Rhode Island —	\$240.	Salem	\$84
Sandwich —	240.	Salmouth	36

Which is accepted, and the quarterly meetings
are desired to send their proportions to the Treasurer
and an Account thereof to this meeting
next year.

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The several quarterly meetings are desired to enter into a Subscription in freedom to assist the quarterly meeting of Falmouth in the building several meeting Houses, which they represent to this meeting are necessary to be built to accommodate friends who are not in circumstances to do it without assistance; and send what they may raise to the Treasurer of that quarterly meeting — and an Account, to this meeting next year.

Extracted from the Minutes — Wm. Smyth
to the meeting this year.

Extracts from the quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth, on and for Rhode Island the 9th of 8th mo. 1798, —

It appearing by the minutes of our last yearly meeting — that that Meet^g had left this quarterly meeting at liberty to make such alteration in respect to hold-
said meeting
ing as to them may appear necessary; and this meeting resuming the consideration thereof, do agree that the quarterly meet^g for business in the 10 mo. at Smithfield
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be held on fourth day preceeding the usual time of holding said meeting to begin at the 11th hour, and the public meeting to be on 5th day at the usual time as heretofore held; - and that the Select Meet.^g be held on 3rd day at the usual time -

Providence monthly meeting, proportion of our quarterly meeting, Stock as agreed by the representatives, present is \$46, and that for yearly-meeting, Stock is \$44. Extracted from the Minute, of the quarterly meeting by - George Arnold Clerk

Our proportion of yearly-meetings Stock mentioned in the foregoing Extract is \$44 and our proportion of quarterly meetings Stock \$46 to which the preparative meetings are desired to subscribe in freedom; - also for building meet.^g Houses in Halmouth quarterly meeting, and report to next yearly-meeting -

Providence preparative meeting proposes, for the consideration of this meeting, - that the meeting there begin at the 3rd hour in the afternoon from the 1st first day in the 5th mo. to the 1st first day in the 10th mo. inclusive: - which meeting the approbation of this meeting, it is concluded accordingly.

The Committee in the Case of Isaac Wilkenfon made report at last monthly meeting that it was their sense & judgment; that he was not in a State of mind likely to mak Friends satisfaction, and the Women's meeting being broken up; was referred to this meeting for their concurrence; — The matter being laid before them, and they having concurred therewith — and this meeting apprehending themselves clear of any further labour do disown him, and put him from under their care as a member, until he shall make satisfaction for his outgoing: — and Wm. Amy & John Holden are appointed to inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal and to draw an Essay of a Testimony & report to next monthly meeting.

The Subject matter of the case of Ann Moore, coming again before this meeting, and after solidly considering the same, do refer the further consideration thereof to next monthly meeting; — And the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the minute of last monthly meeting, together with this, to Smithfield Monthly meeting, and report to next monthly meetg.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
26 of 9^{mo}. 1798. The representatives appointed
by the preparative Meeting are — for Smithfield
Joseph Farnum & Joseph Harris — for Providence
Amos Turner & Caleb Greene — all present —

The Queries & Answers were read up in this
meeting — and general answers made out there-
from, and are forwarded to the quarterly meeting
by our representatives, Levi Hunt & Jonathan
Congdon, who are desired to report their attendance
to next monthly meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case of Isaac
Wilkenon, to inform him of his denial & right
of Appeal, reported a Testimony of his denial,
which being read up in this meeting, is approved
& Signed by the Clerk & is as follows —

Whereas Isaac Wilkenon^{who} had by birth
a right of membership in our religious Society,
has so far deviated from the principles of our
profession, as much to neglect the attendance
of our religious meetings, to depart from
plainness & simplicity in his apparel &
behaviour, and to pay his fine for non appear-
ance at Training, for which he has been
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laboured with, but not attended with the
desired success; — We have therefore disowned
unity with him, and put him from under
our care as a member, until he shall
return from his deviations, and walk
in the way of self denial —

Given forth at our monthly meeting
held at Providence the 26th of 9th M^o. 1798,

I Signed in and on behalf of our
Said Meeting by —
John Holden Clerk —

This Meeting received a copy of a minute
from Smithfield Monthly-meeting, respecting
the case of Anne Mofure; — manifesting a
disposition that a just and amicable settlement
may take place; propose to this meeting to
appoint a committee, to take again the subject
into consideration, together with a committee
from that meeting; And this meeting
feeling a like disposition with them, do
appoint Joseph Larnum, Oziel Wilkenfon,
Joseph Harris & Moses Brown, a committee
to confer with them on ~~this~~ subject & report to

to this meeting at next month, what
in their judgment may be best and proper
to do in that case —

The committee appointed to visit the
Meeting at Wankague, not having reported
are desired to pay attention to their appointment
& report to next monthly meeting —

Our friend Jonathan Arnold returned
the copy of a minute that he received from
this Meeting dated 24th 10th 1795.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 24th 10th 1795,

The representatives appointed by the preparative
meetings are — for Smithfield Jeremiah Harris &
Oziel Wilkenson — for Providence Thomas Arnold and
Reuben Blanchard — all present —

This meeting being informed by way of Smith-
field preparative meeting, that James Clemens appear-
ed in that meeting and requested the care of Friends,
and he appearing again in this, & renewing his afore-
request — Our friends Elisha Bowen Junr. Benj. Smith
& Wm. Almy; are appointed to take a solid opportunity
with him respecting the motives of his request & his
suitableness of becoming a member, and report to
next monthly meeting — Prov

Providence preparative meeting informed
that Moses Davis appeared in that meeting,
and requested Certificates for his two youngest
children, namely Abraham & Daniel
to Hudson Monthly meeting (in the State of
New York) whereupon this meeting appoints
Daniel & Anthony & Henry Russell to take the
necessary care, and if nothing appears to hinder
to prepare a few lines for them and report to
next monthly meeting.

This meeting being informed by way
of Smithfield preparative meeting, That Job
Lapham had attended several Trainings
under Arms and joined in their exercise.
very seldom attends our meetings; and has
departed from that plainness in dress, and
behaviour, which we make a profession to
be found in. Whereupon this meeting
appoints Aza & Arnold, Jeremiah Harris &
Joseph Randall to take a solid opportunity
with him respecting his aforesaid misconduct,
and report to next monthly meeting.

The representatives appointed to attend the
quarterly meeting report; that they attended
agreeable to their appointment.

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The Committee appointed last month to confer with a Committee of Smithfield monthly meeting, respecting the Case of a Funnell's Cure informed, that they had not fulfilled the object of their appointment, they are still continued for that purpose, and are desired to pay attention to it as soon as may be, and report to this meeting when accomplished.

The Committee appointed to visit the meeting of Wankeague, made report in Writing, which was read up in this Meeting; — and after solidly considering the same, do accept said report which is as follows —

— The Committee appointed to visit the Meeting at Elisha Harris. have at different times attended the same and it is our united judgment that it will not be best to continue that meeting upon its present establishment; — but think it will be well for the Meeting to take the subject into consideration, and dispose of it as wisdom may direct — which is submitted —

Signed on behalf of the Committee —

Joseph Harris. —

And the consideration of the subject is referred to next monthly meeting: and the members of that meeting are to understand that that meeting is to be kept up as heretofore until next monthly meeting and they are desired to solidly consider of

the Subject of holding that meeting in future,
and inform this meeting in writing, their
prospects respecting the same.

Our friend Jonathan Arnold having informed
this meeting; that he was about going to
Charleston South Carolina on business, &
no objection appearing in this meeting, the
Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this
minute, in order to certify to Friends where
his Lot may fall, that he is a member of our
religious Society.

At a monthly meeting held at Providence
28th of 11th mo. 1798. The representative, appointed
by the preparative meeting, are — for Smithfield
Augustus Lapham & Timothy Greene for Provi-
dence John & Alverton & Daniel & Anthony — all
present.

The Committee appointed in the
Case of James Clemens reported, that they had a
solid opportunity with him to a good degree of
satisfaction, yet think it would be best to put
it off one month, with which this meeting concurs,
and it is continued under the care of said Committee
who are desired to pay suitable attention to it,
and report to next monthly meeting.

Our friend Roger Mariland on a religious visit
to friends in these parts & Isaac Orborn his companion
attended this meeting, with a Certificate & copy of a
Minute from Oblong monthly meeting, whose company
& services were acceptable to this meeting.

The Committee appointed in the Case of
Moses Davis' two Children, presented a Certificate
on their behalf to Hudson Monthly Meeting, which
is approved of & directed to be forwarded by the Clerk —
as follows.

From our monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence, State of Rhode Island 28th of 11th mo. 1798.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Hudson
State of New-York — Dear

Dear Friends — Our friend Moses Davis
requested of us a certificate in behalf of his two
Sons, namely, Abraham & Daniel (Minors)
removed from us, and placed by him to live
with their brother Job, within the verge of
your Meeting — These are therefore to
certify that they have a right of membership
in our religious Society, and as such we
recommend them to your Christian care &
regards. Signed by Order & on behalf
of our aforesaid Meeting — by —
John Holden Clerk —

The Committee appointed in the case of Job Lapham
reported, that they had attended to their appointment,
and that he appeared to be pretty much determined
to persist in the course he is in, and they thought best
a minute be made against him, and this meetg
apprehending themselves clear of any further
labour ^{unity with} ~~to~~ disown him, and put him from
under their care as a member, until he shall
make satisfaction for his aforesaid misconduct,
which we wish he may be enabled to do — &
Benjamin Smith and Samuel Hill are appointed to
inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal
&

and to prepare a Testimony of this Genial &
bring it to next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the case of a Town closure
informed, that the object of their appointment is
not yet fulfilled — They are desired to accom-
plish the same and report as soon as done.

The Subject of the Meeting at Wankhague
having been weightily under the consideration of
this meeting, and was not opening to issue it at
this time: — it is referred to the consideration of next
monthly meeting.

Providence preparative meeting inform
that David Still has for a considerable time neglected
the attendance of Meetings for Worship & Discipline.
Whereupon Benjamin Smith & Augustus Lapham
John & Alverson and Joseph Randal are appointed
to take a solid opportunity with him on that Subject
(report to next monthly meeting).

Providence preparative meeting also inform
that they have subscribed the sum of 45 dollars
towards the yearly & quarterly meeting's Stock:
which is paid to the Treasurer of this meeting.

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield,
for Providence Decr 12th 1798, The representatives
appointed by the preparative meetings are for
Smithfield Jeremiah Harris & Samuel Arnold
for Providence Joseph Bernal & Henry Russell -
all present.

The Committee in the case of
James Clemans reported that they had taken a
solid opportunity with him respecting the motives
of his request, and it was their sense & judgment,
that they were sincere and from an apprehension
of duty: - and that it would be safe to admit
him to membership; - and this meeting solidly
considering the same, do accept said report;
and with the concurrence of the ^{Women} meeting he
is admitted accordingly.

The Committee in the case of Ann Mosure
made report in writing, which being read up
and solidly considered by this meeting, is accepted
and is as follows -

We of the Committee of the monthly meeting,
of Smithfield and Providence in the case of Anna
Moshier Widow, having conferred on the subject,
do agree as follows: - That the said Anna Mosher
be allowed & considered to belong to Smithfield Monthly
Meeting, and that they have the care and main-
tenance of her as one of their poor members;

But it is nevertheless agreed that the monthly meet-
ing of Providence in consideration of the claim of Smith-
field on them ^{monthly meeting} for a assistance in her support, and to
avoid doubtful disputation on the subject, the sum
of twenty five dollars be paid by Providence monthly
meeting ~~to~~ the monthly meeting of Smithfield
annually from the date hereof, so long as she
shall live, and continue to be supported as a poor
friend, and that no further claim be made by
either meeting for what may have been paid
by them: — And that this agreement be presented
to each meeting, as our report for an amicable
settlement of her case, and on the reception hereof
by the two meetings to be final; but in case either
meeting should not be easy to accept the same
as a settlement of the matter, the same is not to
be made use of on any further endeavours to adjust
the matter: — And it is proposed by res to each
monthly meeting, in case they approve of this settlement
that an application be made to the quarterly & yearly
meeting for an explanation of the rule of discipline
respecting the extent or import of the word Insolvent
and such other parts of that minute as has occasioned
diversity of prospect, in order to prevent the like in
future: — And what explanation they may judge proper
to make is in no respect to effect this agreement — & all
which we submit to the monthly meeting
Smithfield 29 of 11th mo 1798 —

Moses Brown
Joseph Farnum
Joseph Harris
Ezra Buffum
George Arnold
Walter Allen
James Smith

The Committee appointed last month to inform
Job Lapham of his denial & right of appeal
and to draw a testimony of his denial, presented
one, which was read up in this meeting, and
is approved and signed by the Clerk as follows.

Whereas Job Lapham has been considered
as a member of our Society, but through inattention
to the guidings of the Spirit of truth, hath attended
several Trainings ^{under Arms} and joined in their exercise;
very seldom attends our meetings, and has de-
parted from that plainness of dress & behaviour,
which we make profession to be found in; which
doings we as a people, have not unity with,
and after labouring with him for an amendment
in those things, but without effect, do thus publish
our denial of him as a member of our Society,
and put him from under our care, until he
may be favoured with a sight, and join in with
that which leadeth into all truth.

Signed in and on behalf of our said
Meeting, held at Smithfield for Providence
26 of 12 M^o. 1798, by John Holden Clerk

Joseph Harris is appointed to read the Testimonies
of Isaac Wilkenfon, David Wilkenfon, Jonathan
Wilkenfon & Job Lapham, at the close of a Meeting
for Worship, at Smithfield old Meeting-House
and make report to next monthly Meeting.

The Subject matter of holding the meeting at Wankhaque, coming solidly before this, and way not opening agreeably to issue it at this time, it is referred for further consideration, to next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in the Case of David Hill informed, that they had not had an opportunity with him, they are continued for that service, and are desired to pay attention to their appointment & report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting being informed by Providence preparative meeting, that Joseph Healey was about to proceed in Marriage, with Phebe Smith, a member of Smithfield monthly meeting and requested our Certificate for that purpose. Whereupon this meeting appoints Obadiah Brown & John Holden, to take the necessary care in that Case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to prepare an essay of Certificate & report to next monthly meeting.

The Queries and answers were read up in this meeting, and general answers made out therefrom, and are forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our representatives, Henry Russell, & Mr. Henry & Ezra Arnold, who are desired to report their attendance to next monthly meeting.

This Meetings Treasurer informed that he
had paid to the quarterly meetings Treasurers
forty six dollars, our proportion of quarterly
Meeting's Stock —

At a 6 Monthly Meeting held at
Providence 30th of 1st M^o 1799. —

The representatives appointed by the five-
parative meetings are — Smithfield Timothy
Greene & Benjamin Smith for Providence
Joseph Anthony and John A. Alverson — all
present —

The Committee appointed in the
Case of Joseph Healey, reported an Essay of
Certificate to Smithfield monthly meeting,
certifying his clearness to proceed in marriage
with Phebe Smith a member of that meet^g
which being read up, is approved & signed
by the Clerk —

The friend appointed last
monthly meeting to read the several Testimo-
nies, not having read them, is continued for
that service, he is desired to pay attention to
his appointment, and report to this meet^g
when accomplished —

The Subject matter of holding the Meeting at
Manhague, coming again solidly before this,
Oziel Wilkenson, Augustus Lapham and
Benjamin Smith are appointed to take a solid
opportunity with friends there, and endeavour
to feel out, whether it would be best to continue
that meeting, and if it appears ^{to them} best:— to point
out in what manner it should be ~~best~~ in
future, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in the case of
David Hill, informed that they had taken an oppor-
tunity with him, and give it as their opinion, it
would be best for this meeting to wait longer
on him, of which this meeting approves and
continues it under the care of said Committee,
who are desired to pay suitable attention to
their appointment, and report to this meet-
ing in the third month next. —

Providence preparative meeting informed
that Moses Davis requested a Certificate of
removal to South Kingston monthly meeting.
Whereupon this meeting appoints W^m. Amy
and John Holden, to take the necessary care in
that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to
report an Essay of Certificate to next monthly
meeting) —

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Smithfield preparative meeting informed that David Harris (son of Joseph minor, had gone to the Nine-Partners to reside for a time, within the verge of Creek monthly meeting to reside for a time, in the State of New-York. These are to certify on his behalf, that he is a member of this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to the aforesaid monthly meeting.

It being mentioned in this meeting by our friends living in Congret, that it was their wish to have a Meeting established amongst them, in such place and manner as this meeting may think best; whereupon this meeting appoints W^m. & Amy G. Iza Arnold to take a solid opportunity with them, and also pay them a visit where they reside, and endeavour to feel out the State of Friends there, and the suitableness of granting them their request, and report to next monthly meeting.

The representatives appointed to attend the quarterly meeting, reported, that they attended according to appointment.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 27th of 2nd M^o. 1799 — The
representatives appointed by the preparative
meetings are — for Smithfield Joseph Harris
and Augustus Lapham — for Providence
Thomas Anthony and Reuben Blanchard — all
present except Reuben Blanchard —

The friend appointed to read the several
Testimonies of Denial, reported that he had read
them agreeable to his appointment —

The Committee appointed at last monthly meeting
in the Case of Moses Davis, reported an Essay of
Certificate on his behalf, recommending him to
the care of the monthly meeting at South-Kingston,
which was read up in this meeting, approved & signed
by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the afores.
Monthly Meeting, and is as follows —

From our monthly meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield for Providence 27th of 2nd M^o. 1799 —

To the monthly meeting of friends held at
South Kingston —

Dear Friends —

Moses Davis informed this
meeting, that he proposed moving within the Varge
of your meeting, and requested our Certificate: —

These are to Certify on his behalf, that upon inspec-
tion, nothing appears but that he has Settled his

his outward Affairs to Satisfaction, and is clear
of Marriage engagements: his life & conversation
has also been in a good degree orderly. — To
such we recommend him to your care, and
are your friends & brethren — Signed in &
on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting

by — John Holden Clerk

The Committee appointed to visit the Meeting
at Wankhagun informed that they had paid
attention to their appointment, but were not ready
to report; it is referred under their care, and they
are desired to pay suitable attention to it, and
report to next monthly Meeting.

The Comm^{tee} appointed at last monthly meet^g
to take an opportunity with Friends at Pongret,
respecting their desire to have a meeting established
there, informs that they have paid some attention
to their appointment, but not ready to make
a conclusive report at this time; that matter
is referred under their care

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
27th of 3rd mo 1799. The representatives appointed by
the preparative meetings are — for Smithfield
Augustus Lapham and Jeremiah Harris for
Providence Elisha Bowen Jun^r & John Holden
all present except Jeremiah Harris —

The Queries and Answers from the preparative Meetings, were read up in this meeting, and general Answers made out therefrom, and forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our representatives — Augustus Lapham, Daniel & Anthony & Amos Turner, who are desired to report their attendance to next Monthly Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the case of the Meeting at Wankhague made report in Writing viz^t — That according to appointment they had visited the Meeting at Elisha Steers, and had a solid opportunity with the members which generally attend, and they appeared desirous to have a meeting held there, if the monthly meeting thought well of it, and Elisha Steere offered his House to hold a meeting in, on every first day of the Week; — and this Meeting solidly considering the same do accept said Report; and it is to be held at Elisha Steers^{on} every first day in future —

The Committee appointed in the Case of David Hill inform that they have paid some attention, to their appointment, and think it would be best to refer it another month of which this meeting approves, and refer it under their care, they are desired to pay suitable attention to it, and report to next monthly Meeting —

This

This Meeting subscribed the Sum of fifteen Dollars towards defraying the expence of building Meeting Houses in Falmouth quarter, which is ordered to be paid to this Meeting's Treasurer, and he is directed to forward the same to the Treasurer of Falmouth quarterly meeting.

A Certificate was presented to this Meeting on behalf of Thomas Davis, recommending him to the care of Hudson monthly meeting, State of New-york, which being read up is approved and signed by the Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the aforesaid Monthly meeting.

From our monthly meeting of Friends,
held at Providence 27th of 3rd Mth. 1799.

To the monthly meeting of Friends at Hudson.

Dear Friends Thomas Davis, a member of our religious Society, having gone from hence in the Sea-faring line, and since, as we are informed, has settled within the verge of your monthly meet^g. These are to certify that he appears to have settled his outward affairs, and is clear of marriage engagements when he went from us; & such we recommend him to your care, and are your friends and Brethren.

Signed by Order, and on behalf of the a Meeting
aforesaid by John Holden Clerk

27 of 3rd } Providence preparative meeting informed that Moses-
m. 1799 } Brown proposed laying his intentions of marriage with
Phebe Lockwood before our next monthly meeting, and they appear
in this meeting & declared their intentions as aforesaid - and are
desired to come to next monthly meeting, for Answer: - And
Caleb Greene and John Holden are appointed to take the necessary
care in that Case and report to our next meeting) -
They further informed that James Hazard was about to
remove within the Verge of Greenwich monthly meeting)
and requested our Certificate, where upon this meeting)
appoints Amos Turner & Elisha Bowen Junr to take the
necessary care in that Case, and if nothing appears
to hinder, prepare an Essay of Certificate & report
to next monthly meeting)

Smithfield preparative meeting has Subscribed
and paid to this Meeting's Treasurer the Sum of thirteen
Pounds & 14/ for yearly & Quarterly meeting's Stock.

This meeting's Treasurer informs, that he has paid
to the quarterly meeting's Treasurer 44 Dollars, our
Proportion of yearly Meeting's Stock — and Acc't
of which is sent up to the quarterly meeting —

One of the Committee appointed respecting the
request of our Friends at Pomfret informed that they
are not yet ready to make a ^{conclusive} Report; it is still
continued under their care —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 24th of 4th Mo. 1799 — The represent-
atives appointed by the preparative Meetings
are — for Smithfield Joseph Harmon & Sam. Arnold
for Providence Reubin Blanchard and Tho. Greene,
all present except Reubin Blanchard —

One of the Representatives appointed to attend
the quarterly meeting informed that they all
attended agreeable to appointment —

The Committee appointed in the Case of
James Hazard, reported an Essay of Certificate
on his behalf, recommending him to the care of Greenwich
monthly meeting, which is approved & signed by
the Clerk, who is desired to forward it to the aforesaid
monthly meeting —

From our monthly meeting
held at Smithfield for Providence 24th of 4th Mo. 1799,

To the monthly meeting of East Greenwich

Dear

Dear Friends Whereas James Hazare, having
returned from us to you, and requesting our
Certificate — These may certify on his behalf,
that his conduct and conversation was in a good
degree orderly whilst with us — and on enquiry
his outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction
This being what appears needful, we remain
your Friends & Brethren — Signed in your behalf
of said Meeting by — John Holden &c

Two of the committee in the case of David Hill
informed that they had taken an opportunity with
him, since last month, and that he expressed a wish
for Friends to wait longer on him, which the committee
thought well of, and this meeting solidly considering
the same, do continue it under their care, and they
are desirous to pay suitable attention to it & report to
this meeting in the 6th month, or sooner if ready —

The Committee appointed in the case of
the request of Friends at Pomfret, reported that
they had taken a solid opportunity with two of
them, but had not paid them a visit where they
reside; they are still continued for that purpose and
are desirous to pay them a visit at their several
Homes, and take a solid opportunity with them there
and endeavour to feel out their state of mind and
to give them such advice & counsel as truth may
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open the way & report to this meeting when accomplished, and Elisha Bowen Jun^r is added to said Committee.

Moses Brown & Phebe Lockwood appeared at this meeting for answer, and not any thing appearing to hinder their proceeding, they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage agreeably to the good order established amongst Friends and Daniel & Anthony & Thomas & Arnold are appointed to take care that the same be decently solemnized, and report to next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence 29th of 5th M^o. 1799.

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are - for Smithfield Elisha Steere & Joseph Harris - for Providence Charles Holden and Joseph Randal - all present.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Moses Brown & Phebe Lockwood reported, that they attended, and that it was orderly conducted.

It being mentioned in this meeting, that the time for which the Overseers and Overseers of the poor were appointed, was elapsed, the reappointment of them is referred to next monthly Meeting.

The Epistle from the yearly meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 21st to 29th of 5th M^o. 1798, inclusive was read in this meeting to good satisfaction.

Reuben Blanchard informed that, Indisposition
was the reason of his not attending last monthly
meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 26 of the 4th 1799. —

The representatives appointed by the

Preparative meetings are — for Smithfield
Elisha Moore & Ezekiel Arnold — for Providence
John Alverson and Joseph Randal. — all present

Our friends Chalkley Abbotson from North
Carolina and Garrit Burtis from the State of
New-York attended this Meeting; and produced
Certificates from their several monthly & quarterly
meetings, expressive of their Unity with them in
their present religious visit to friends in these parts,
whose company and service were very acceptable
to this meeting. — Zachariah Nixon as Companion
to Chalkley Abbotson and John Christy as Companion
to Garrit Burtis, also attended this Meeting with
minutes of approbation from their respective
monthly meetings; whose company was acceptable
to this meeting. —

Augustus Lapham, Benjamin Smith, Caleb Greene,
Elihu Bowen Jun^r & W^m. Amy are appointed Overseers
for this meeting for the year ensuing) —

The Committee in the case of David Hill report,
that they have had another opportunity with him, and
propose that matter should be continued under their

their care of said Committee for one month, and it
is continued accordingly, they then to report —
David & Anthony and Isaac Arnold are appointed
Overseers of the poor for the year ensuing.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
24th of 8th mo 1799, — The representatives appointed
by the preparative meeting are for Smithfield,
Samuel Hill & Jeremiah Wilkenson — for Providence
Elihu Bowen Jun^r & Obadiah Brown — all present.

All the queries were read in this meeting & Answered
to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries, from the preparative
Meetings — from which general Answers are made
out & forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our Represent-
atives Thomas Arnold, Wm. Almy & John Holden —
who are desired to report their attendance to next monthly
(meeting).

The Committee in the case of David
Hill, not all being ready to make a conclusive report
at this time, that matter is still continued under
their care, and they are desired to pay further attention
to it, and make report in writing to next monthly
meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held
at Smithfield for Providence 28th of 8th mo 1799 —
The representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings
are — for Smithfield Augustus Lapham and Jeremiah
Wilkenson — for Providence Levi Hunt and John
Hudson — all present —
The Representatives appointed to attend the
Quarterly ^{meeting} report that they all attended agreeable
to

to their appointment, and presented Extracts from the quarterly meeting — Our proportion of quarterly meeting's Stock therein named is twenty Dollars for which the preparative meetings are desired to subscribe in freedom and report to this meeting in the 10th Month next.

The Committee in the Case of David Hill made report in writing, to wit, that it was their judgment, it was safe for Friends to put him from under their care, and this meeting solidly considering the same do accept said report and apprehending themselves clear of any further labour, do, with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disown unity with him and put him from under their care as a member accordingly, until he shall make satisfaction for his misconduct, which we desire he may be able to do — and Jonathan Congdon & John Holden are appointed to inform him of his denial & right of Appeal, and draw a Testimony of his denial & report to next monthly meeting.

The Womens meeting informed that they had come to a conclusion to disown Phoebe Harman, with which this meeting concurs.

Smithfield preparative Meeting informed that Rufus Smith, had for a long time absented himself from attending our religious, and of late is published in order for marriage to a person not a member of

of our Society — Whereupon this Meeting appoints Levi Hunt, W^m Almy and David Anthony to take a solid opportunity with him respecting his aforesaid misconduct and report to next monthly meeting —

At a monthly Meeting held at Providence 25th of 9th M^o 1799, The representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are — for Smithfield Elisha Steere & Benjamin Arnold Jun^r — for Providence Thomas & Anthony & Caleb Greene — all present except Caleb Greene, whose absence is owing to indisposition —

The Committee appointed to inform David Hill of his Denial and right of appeal mentioned that they had fulfilled their appointment, and presented a Testimony of his denial which being read up and after some alteration is approved and signed by the Clerk —

Whereas David Hill had a right of membership in our ^{religious} Society, but through inattention to the divine principle in his own mind, which would have preserved him in a circumspect religious line of conduct, he hath so far departed from that good and wholesome order established amongst us; as for a considerable length of time to neglect the attendance of our meetings for Worship and Discipline; for which departure we have

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laboured with him for his recovery, and long waited upon him, but without the desired effect; We therefore disown Unity with him & put him from under our care as a Member, until he shall make Satisfaction, which we desire he may be favoured to do. —

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by ————— John Holden Clerk

The Committee appointed to take an opportunity with Rufus Smith, on account of the matters complained of by the preparative meetings of Smithfield inform that they have visited him; but not having had so full an opportunity as they desire, that matter is continued to next monthly meeting. They then to report —

Smithfield preparative meeting that Daniel Wilkenson had been in divers practices inconsistent with our Christian Testimony, and is joined in marriage with a person not of our Society, contrary to the advice of his Friends, Whereupon this meeting appoints John Holden, Elihu Bowen Jun^r & Ezra Arnold to take an opportunity with him respecting his misconduct, and report to next monthly meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and Answers from the preparative Meetings to the 1st 2nd & 3rd Queries were made there from & forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our Representatives Elisha Steere, Joseph Anthony & Oziel Wilkenfon, who are desired to report their attendance to next monthly meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 30th of 10th Mo. 1779, The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are—for Smithfield—Samuel Arnold & Joseph Harris, for Providence John Alverson & John Holden—all present

The Committee appointed in the Case of Rufus Smith report in Writing to wit; That they had taken another opportunity with him, but that he did not appear in a disposition to make Friends Satisfaction:—and this meeting solidly considering the same, do accept said Report;—and apprehending themselves clear of any further labour do with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, disown Unity with him, and put him from under our care, until he shall make Satisfaction for his outgoings, which we desire he may be favoured to do—And Joseph Farnum & Elisha Steere are appointed to inform him of his Denial and right of Appeal, & to prepare an Essay of Testimony & present to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the case of Daniel Wilkenson made report in writing viz. That they had taken an opportunity with him, and that he did not appear to them in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction; which this meeting accepts, and not seeing further labour to be useful at this time, do, with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disown unity with him, and put him from under our care as a member, until he shall make satisfaction for his outgoing, which we desire he may be favoured to do - Augustus Lapham and Joseph Harris are appointed to inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal, and draw a few lines & present to next monthly meeting.

The representatives appointed to attend the quarterly meeting reported that they all attended agreeably to their appointment.

A Monthly Meeting held at Providence
27th of 11th Mo 1799.

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are - for Smithfield Azel Wilkenson & Benjamin Smith, for Providence Joseph Anthony & Levi Hunt - all present.

The Committee in the case of Rufus Smith presented an Essay of Testimony, which being read is approved and signed by the clerk, and Joseph Harris is appointed to read the same at the close of a Meeting for Worship at Smithfield old Meeting House & Report to next monthly Meeting.

From our monthly meeting of friends held at
Providence 27th of 11th Mo. 1799, —

Rufus Smith, a member of our Society, having
for a long time neglected our religious assemblies,
and of late has joined himself in marriage to
one not a member of our Society; — all which
being contrary to the good order established among
Friends: — And we having extended our labour
and care towards him with desires for his help
and preservation; but he not making us
satisfaction for his Conduct & departure
have therefore put him from under our care
as a Member.

Signed in & on behalf of our afore
said Meeting by — John Holden Clerk

The Committee in the Case of Daniel Wilkenson
informed that they had not fulfilled the object of
their appointment; they are continued for that
service, and are desired to pay suitable attention
to it, and Report to next monthly meeting.

This Meeting received a recommendation for a
Subscription in freedom ^{the purpose of} assisting a number of
families the Narragansett tribe of Indians, to remove to
the Oneida Country; where upon it is recommended to
friends individually to subscribe in freedom for the
above purpose in order to be forwarded to the Meeting
for Sufferings.

There was Subscribed in this Meeting \$34.15 Cts
which is directed to be paid to the Meeting for
Sufferings to assist some Families of the
Narragansett Indian Tribes, to move to the
Oneida Country in the State of New-York —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Providence 25th of 12th Mo. 1799 —

The representatives appointed by the
preparative meetings are — for Smithfield
Asa Arnold and Timothy Greene — for Provi-
dence Henry Russell & John Olverson —
all present —

Joseph Harris informed that he had
read the Testimony of Rufus Smith's Denial
at the close of a Meeting for Worship at
Smithfield old Meeting House agreeably
to appointment —

The Committee in the case of
Daniel Wilkonson informed, that they
had notified him in writing of his Denial,
and right of appeal & presented a Testimony
of his Denial, which was read in this meeting,
approved and signed by the Clerk —

Whereas Daniel Wilkonson, having been
a member of our Society, but through inattention
to the principles of our profession, but through the

inattention to religious Meetings,
hath deviated in inattention to religious Meetings,
& carrying contrary to the Order of Friends, with
other unbecoming practices;—and the care of
Society having been extended for his recovery,
without the desired effect:— We therefore put
him from under our care as a member, until
he shall be favoured to make satisfaction,
which we desire he may —

From our monthly meeting, held at
Smithfield for Providence 25th of 12th Mo. 1799

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting
by — John Holden Clerk

The Queries and Answers from the preparative
meetings were read in this, and general Answers
made out therefrom and forwarded to the
quarterly meeting by our Representatives—
Joseph Harris, W^m Almy & John Holden, who
are desired to report their attendance to next
monthly meeting —

The Womens Meeting informed that
they had come to a conclusion to disown
Sarah Gray alias Cooke, with which this
meeting concurs —

For a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
the 29th of 1st M^o. 1800

The representatives appointed
the preparative yearly meetings are — for
Smithfield & Augustus Lapham & Benjamin
& Arnold Jun^r. — for Providence & Amos Turner
and Joseph Anthony — all present

The representatives appointed to attend the
quarterly meeting informed that they
all attended agreeably to appointment
and presented Extracts from the minutes of
said Meeting. — Our proportion of
yearly meeting's Stock therein mentioned
being forty Dollars, which added to the
quarterly meeting's Stock, heretofore re-
commended, amounts to \$60, for the
raising of which, the preparative meetings
are desired to subscribe in freedom, & report
to next monthly meeting

Smithfield preparative meeting
informed that Daniel Farnum, had de-
parted from the good order established among
us in divers respects, and had married out
of the order of Friends; — Whereupon this
meeting appoints Augustus Lapham,
David & Anthony & John Holden to

to take a solid opportunity with him, respecting his aforesaid misconduct, and report to next monthly meeting —

The Womens Meeting inform that they had come to a conclusion to disown a Higail Davis, Daughter of Moses, with which this meeting concurs — — They further inform that East Town monthly meeting had notified them in writing that they had disowned Remembrance Bowen with which their meeting, and Ours also concurs —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 26th of 2nd Mo. 1800.

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are — for Smithfield Benjamin Smith & Timothy Greene — for Providence David & Anthony & John Alverson — all present —

The Committee in the case of Daniel Farnum, informed, that they had paid some attention to that matter, but were not yet ready to report — It is still continued under their care, and they are desired to pay suitable attention to it, and report to next monthly meeting

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Providence monthly meeting sent up in
their account, that they had subscribed \$30.12 cts.
for yearly and quarterly meetings stock;
and Smithfield preparative meeting, that
they had nearly completed their subscription
for the above purpose;— when collected they
are desired to pay it to this Meeting's Treasurer,
and he is directed to pay ~~it~~ to the yearly &
quarterly meetings' Treasurer & our proportion
of yearly and quarterly meetings' stock—

At a Monthly Meeting held at
Providence 26th of 3rd M^o. 1800.

The representatives appointed by the
Preparative meetings are—for Smithfield
Joseph Harris and Azel Arnold—for Providence
Caleb Greene & Charles Holden—all present

The Queries and Answers from the preparative
meetings, were read in this,— and general
Answers made out therefrom, and are for-
warded to the quarterly meetings by are Rep-
resentatives Moses Brown & Azel Arnold, who
are desired to report their attendance to next monthly
meeting—

The Committee in the case of Daniel Karmun informed, that they had paid some attention to that matter since last month, but were not yet ready to make a full report:—It is still continued under their care, and they are desirous to pay suitable attention to it, and report to next monthly meeting.

Providence preparative meeting informed that Daniel Healey was about to remove within the limits of Smithfield monthly meeting, and requested our Certificate for that purpose:—whereupon this meeting appoints Jonathan Langdon and David Anthony care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to Report an Essay of Certificate to next monthly meetg.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 23rd of 4th Mo. 1800—

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are—for Smithfield Samuel Hill and Joseph Harris,—for Providence Thomas Anthony & Obadiah Brown all present. The Representatives appointed to attend the quarterly meeting, reported, that they attended agreeable to appointment.

The Committee in the case of Daniel Barnum made report that they had paid attention to their appointment since last month, and had endeavoured to obtain an opportunity with him, which he declined giving them (as we are informed) and this meeting apprehending themselves clear of any further labour with him; do with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, disown unity with him, and put him from under our care as a member, until he shall make satisfaction for his outgoing, which we desire he may be favoured to do - and the Clerk is desired to inform him of his Denial, and right of Appeal in Writing or Orally, if opportunity offers, and report to next monthly meeting) —

The Committee in the case of Daniel Hestey inform, that the object of their appointment was not fulfilled: — They are still continued for that service, and are desired to pay attention to it, and report to next monthly meeting) —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
28th of 5th Mo. 1800.

The representatives appointed
by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield
Jeremiah Wilkenson and Joseph Farnum
for Providence Joseph Anthony & Obadiah Brown
all present.

The clerk informed this meeting
that he has notified Daniel Farnum in writing
of his Denial and right of Appeal as directed.

The committee in the case of Daniel Healy
presented an Essay of Certificate on his behalf
recommending him to the care of Smithfield
monthly meeting, which being read in this
meeting and approved and signed by the
Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the above-
mentioned meeting.

Smithfield preparative meeting sent
up in their Account, that they had Subscribed
Thirty dollars for yearly & quarterly meetings
Stock, which is paid to this meetings Treasurer.

Providence preparative meeting inform
that George Turner has removed within the
limits of Nine-partners monthly meeting in
the State of New-York, on whose behalf a Certi-
ficate is requested. — Where

Whereupon this meeting appoints Elisha Bowen Jun^r and Joseph Anthony to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to hinder, to prepare an Essay of a Certificate and present to next monthly meeting.

The printed Epistle from the yearly meeting held in London by adjournments from the 22nd to 31st of 5 M^o. 1799, inclusive, was read in this meeting to good satisfaction.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield for Providence 25th of 6 M^o. 1800.

The Representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are — for Smithfield Oziel Wilkenfon and Jeremiah Harris — for Providence Reuben Blanchard & Henry Russell — all present.

The Committee in the case of George Turner inform, that he has left his matters amongst us in such a manner as makes it improper for this meeting to give a Certificate on his behalf as requested.

Wm. Almy and the Clerk of this Meeting are appointed to receive from the present pop

superiors; all the Books of Discipline belonging to this meeting, — and insert all the proper minutes of the yearly meeting therein, agreeably to the direction of said meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence 30th of 7th Mo. 1800 —

The representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield Augustus Lapham and Samuel Hill — for Providence Henry Russell and John Holden — all present —

The Queries and Answers, from the preparative meetings, were read up in this, and general Answers were made out therefrom, which are forward to the quarterly meeting by our representatives William A. Hiny and Benjamin Smith.

This meeting concurs with the Select, and Womens meetings in recommending Phebe Brown to the Station of an Elder —

Providence preparative meeting inform that David Brayton requested a Certificate to Bolton monthly meeting in order for marriage with Mary Wheeler, a member of that meeting — whereupon this meeting appoints Reuben Blanchard and Elihu B. Owen Jun^r to take the necessary care in that case, and if nothing appears to obstruct to prepare an Essay of Certificate and present to next monthly meeting —

A Certificate from Uxbridge monthly meeting,
on behalf of Thomas Healey Dated 29th of 11th M^o 1799,
was read in this meeting and accepted

It being mentioned in this meeting, that it
might be useful to have the Books of Discipline
read at the close of all the particular mid-week
meetings belonging to this meeting — And this
meeting solidly considering the same do appoint
Joseph Harris for Smithfield — Elisha Bowen
Jun^r for Scituate — Joseph Farnum for Walth-
am and John Holden for Providence
meetings, who are to read the same, or cause
it to be read in such portions thereof, from
time to time, as may appear best, until the
whole be read in said meetings

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield for Providence 24th of 11th M^o 1800 —

The representatives appointed by the prepar-
ative meetings are for Smithfield Benjamin
Arnold Jun^r and Augustus Lapham for
Providence John Holden & Levi Hunt all
present — The representatives appointed to
attend the quarterly meeting report, that
they all attended, agreeable to appointment —

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for David Brayton informed, that they were not ready to report at this time; - They are continued for that purpose and desired to report to next monthly meeting.

A Certificate from Uxbridge & Monthly Meeting, on behalf of Aabel Aldrich son of Daniel, who is placed as an apprentice to Timothy Greene, within the verge of this meeting dated 28th of 6th Mo. was read and accepted.

This meeting received an acknowledgement from Jonathan Wilkenson - William & Henry and Joseph & Anthony, are appointed to take the necessary care in that case, and report their sense & judgment thereon to next monthly meeting.

This meeting received from our last quarterly meeting, held at Portsmouth a copy of a minute requesting this meeting to alter the time of holding our next monthly meeting, to 5th day of the Week, which is 25th of 9th Mo. in order to accommodate the yearly meetings Committee, appointed to visit all the monthly meetings in this quarter - with which this meeting complies, and the Friends of this meeting are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly, to meet at Providence.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence
25th of 9^m: 1800 — The representatives appointed
by the preparative meetings are for Smithfield —
Samuel Hill and Joseph Barnum — for Providence
Charles Holden and James Clemans — all present —

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Wilkenson
informed, that they were not ready to report at this
time, that matter is still continued under their care
and they are desired to pay suitable attention to it, &
report to next monthly meeting —

The Committee in the case of David Brayton
reported a Certificate on his behalf, to the monthly
meeting of Bolton, in order for a Marriage, with
Mary Wheeler a member of that meeting, which
was read in this meeting, approved and signed by
the Clerk —

Providence preparative meeting
informed — That Nicholas Easton has almost entirely
neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, and
that his conduct in other respects, as well as his conversation
does not comport, with what is becoming a member of
our religious Society — Whereupon this meeting ap-
points, Joseph Harris — Benjamin Smith, Elisha
Bowen Jun^r and Joseph Anthony to take a solid op-
portunity with him, respecting his aforesaid misconduct,
and report to next monthly meeting —

The Queries and answers from the preparative
meetings were read up in this, and general answers
made out therefrom to the 1st 2nd & 12 Queries, which
we have forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our
representatives Jonathan Congdon & Joseph Barnum

For Rachel Thayer's Donation how to be appropriated
See Monthly Meeting in the 3^d m^o, 1784 & the 5th m^o 1796
4th m^o 1791. Lines settled between monthly meetings.

Boundary Lines of Monthly Meetings 6th m^o '91.

5 mo/1791 H. Covert. to prepare a Dictionary de Job Scott
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6 mo/1791 - Boundaries between Montezuma & Kutingo

